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Odds now on 61-seat coalition

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Presure is increasing in the Labour Party to form a government based on 61, Knesset seats. This emerged yesterday, on the eve of the crucial Labour Party Central Committee meeting due to be held here this evening to decide who should comprise the next government. It seemed certain yesterday that most of the 610 members of the Central Committee members will favour empowering Premier-designate Yitzhak Rabin to form a new government. However, the committee will have to decide on whether it should be based on a narrow majority of 61 (Alignment 61, plus three Arab and Druse MKs four Independent Liberal Party members and three from the Citizens' Rights Movement) plus ILP-4 and CRM-3 or on a minority government of 58 — without the CRM — plus the promise of support from other MKs, for the essential initial vote of confidence.

The prospects for a govenment based on 61 votes improved during yesterday's coalition talks after the CRM had removed its previous demand for changes in the coalition policy terms now.

Mapam Knesset members have apparently been busy persuading Shulamit Aloni and her CRM group to be more amenable in the expectation that Mapam will then be able to have more influence in the new government.

New Bonn Cabinet seen turning West

Hans-Dietrich Genscher

BONN (Reuter). — The new West German Government completed yesterday by Chancellor-designate Helmut Schmidt, is basically an "old guard" Cabinet.

The Cabinet contains 15 ministers — two fewer than under Willy Brandt, who resigned suddenly a week ago at the centre of a scandal after the arrest of his personal assistant as a Communist spy.

The new Foreign Minister in the left-liberal coalition is Hans Dietrich Genscher, 47, who also takes over as Deputy Chancellor when the Cabinet is sworn in on Friday.

The Schmidt-Genscher combination is expected to continue the coalition's policies as laid down by their predecessors, Brandt and Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, but political observers forecast a change of emphasis from "Ostpolitik" to a more pronounced "Westpolitik."

(Electing President — page 4).

COBBLING IN KUNEITRA: A group of the young men who have squatted in Kuneitra finish off plastic sandals provided by Kibbutz Daphna. (Starphot)

Kuneitra squatters get reinforcements

By DAVID SLAY
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KUNEITRA. — The group of settlers who came to this shell-battered ghost town on Monday were joined yesterday by newcomers from settlements throughout the North-east and elsewhere.

Some are busy cleaning up the houses they have taken over, others are organizing the kitchen services and other basic needs. It is reported that they have enough provisions, drinking and household water for their immediate needs.

One group is employed in processing PVC sandals, with semi-finished materials from the Kibbutz Daphna factory.

The determined young men were visited throughout daylight hours by guests from other Golan settlements.

The army and police are not interfering with the squatters who aim to establish a "presence" which could disturb possible Government plans to yield Kuneitra to the Syrians.

One Golan kibbutz is not in agreement with the squatters. It is Snir which, together with four other Hashomer Hatzair settlements in the far North yesterday expressed support for the Government's endeavours for a disengagement agreement with the Syrians "as an indispensable stage towards a peace settlement with the Arab countries."

They left-wing settlements thought the Government could be relied upon to enter into such an agreement with due regard for security needs in the Golan Heights. The five kibbutzim are Dan, Amir, Shamir, Lehavot Habashan and Snir.

In the Knesset yesterday, New Communist Avraham Levenbraun requested a debate on an urgent motion for the agenda about the Kuneitra group, accusing them of sabotaging attempts for disengagement.

Withdrawal debate outside P.M.'s office

Jerusalem Post Staff

Hundreds of persons opposed to withdrawal from the Golan continued their noisy demonstration opposite the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

As on Monday, leftist counter-demonstrators came to the scene, and lively discussions developed between the two groups.

Knesset Members Zvulun Hammer, Yigal Horowitz, Shmuel Tamir and Mattityahu Drobles came to encourage the no-withdrawal protesters. On the other side of the police barricades, Knesset Members Yossi Sarid and Boaz Moav cheered on the leftists.

The Likud Knesset faction decided yesterday evening to send a message of encouragement to the demonstrators. "They are protesting against withdrawals which would endanger the security of the Golan settlements, and of the country," the Likud decision said.

The Likud said that its MKs and party keymen would visit the demonstrators daily, to identify with their struggle.

Beirut having 2nd thoughts on peace talks

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Lebanon should take part in the Middle East peace talks in Geneva, according to a number of Lebanese Deputies. They reportedly feel that this could be a means of settling the vexatious problem of the terrorists who have virtually autonomous control of southern parts of the country and whose activities result in Israel military action on Lebanese soil.

Beirut press reports say that the influential politician Raymond Edde is leading a group of Deputies, both Moslem and Christian, who are considering filing a formal request with the Lebanese Government for its participation in the Geneva talks, whenever they resume.

Lebanon has so far demonstrated reluctance to participate in talks between Israel and the neighbouring Arab states as it had no part in either the 1967 or the 1973 wars. Beirut has often argued that, in contrast to Israel's borders with Egypt, Syria and Jordan, the Lebanese frontier is governed by the 1949 truce agreement.

The Lebanese politicians' recent re-assessment of their country's status has sparked off sharp criticism from terrorist leaders who charged that Beirut's main aim is to contain their organizations in preparation for their elimination.

Sabotage warning

A package of explosives left in a vacant lot near the former Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem exploded last night, breaking a number of windows but causing no injuries.

The police yesterday called on the public to be especially alert in the next few days for suspicious-looking objects. The warning came in anticipation of possible terrorist acts on the anniversary today — May 15 — of the proclamation of the State of Israel.

Terror groups outline aims

BEIRUT (UPI). — The trend at a "summit" conference of Palestinian terrorist leaders is to establish their own state on the West Bank once it is evacuated by Israeli troops, without renouncing their claim to the whole of Palestine.

This stand was outlined yesterday by "Falastin al Thawra," the official newspaper of the Palestine Liberation Organization. It said it emerged at two meetings of terrorist leaders held in Beirut during the last few days.

The meetings were attended by Yasser Arafat, Fatah chief George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Nayef Hawatmeh, head of the Popular Democratic Front, among others.

The "summit" set up a committee, under Arafat, to draw up a statement on the terrorist movement's strategy following the October war.

The newspaper said that this committee will emphasize in its statement that:

The strategic objective of the movement is to establish a "democratic" state, embracing all religions, to replace the State of Israel; the tactical objective of the movement is to establish a "free and independent national authority on any Palestinian territory wrested from Israeli occupation" — a reference to the West Bank and Gaza Strip; the tactical objective is not a substitute for the establishment of the "democratic" state but a step towards it.

Terrorist bases along Hasbani strafed

By HIRSH GOODMAN
POST Military Correspondent

The Israel Air Force again attacked terrorist concentrations in Fatahland yesterday, hitting targets near Rashid-el-Fuhar and along the Hasbani river. All planes returned safely to base.

Over the past two weeks, terrorist targets in southern Lebanon have been bombed almost daily, with hits on terrorist headquarters and field camps, in what seems to be a determined effort to hamper their operations in the area as much as possible before the implementation of a possible cease-fire along the northern front with neighbouring Syria.

The attacks are apparently a continuation of the punitive and pre-emptive raids promised by the Minister of Defence after the Kiryat Shmona butchery last month. At the time, Mr. Dayan warned that an Israel attack on six Lebanese villages should not be seen as the end of Israel's efforts to ensure the safety of its border towns, and warned that Israel would continue to hit at the terrorists whenever the opportunity presented itself.

With the fluid situation in the Golan and Hermon regions, it has apparently been found convenient to deal with the large terrorist concentrations in southern Lebanon, which is almost entirely under control of the gangs.

(The Lebanese Defence Ministry said the Israel raids wounded three civilians and caused material damage.)

An Israeli soldier was wounded along the Syrian front yesterday, in a day of relatively heavy artillery fire. The Syrians concentrated their fire mainly on the Mazrat Beit Jann region and in the south-east sector of the Bulge. Fire in the region started at 9 o'clock and the area was not quiet until 5.30 p.m.

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The Israel shelling from the Golan Heights has caused the Syrians heavy losses, American journalists accompanying Secretary of State Kissinger said here yesterday after touring the Syrian front.

The newsmen, who toured the Syrian front yesterday morning, said the Syrian soldiers they met were very tense, but that they were well entrenched. (Itim)

Dr. K brought back 'more Syrian thoughts'

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Dr. Kissinger's decision to return to Damascus today was taken after yesterday's 90-minute meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad. The Secretary of State said they had "continued to review a possible disengagement agreement."

On leaving Damascus for Jerusalem, Dr. Kissinger added that he and Assad "had further very extensive talks in the most cordial atmosphere" and "we made further progress in defining the issues."

Kissinger cautioned however that "no agreement was reached," but noted that he was returning to Israel "to bring the government some further Syrian thoughts."

Reports from Damascus last night said that the Syrian Government had withheld a statement it planned to issue yesterday on the outcome of Kissinger's current marathon mission. The statement is now expected today.

The Syrians indicated that yesterday's talks would be conclusive as far as they were concerned. The situation began to take a dramatic shape in Damascus when Assad summoned his top aides for last-minute consultations before Kissinger's arrival yesterday.

Another note of urgency was given by the arrival of the Egyptian Chief of Staff, Lieut.-Gen. Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Gammasy, in Damascus on Monday night with a confidential message from President Sadat to Assad. Gammasy returned to Cairo yesterday morning — shortly before Kissinger's arrival in the Syrian capital — carrying a reply to Sadat.

As Kissinger's mission yesterday approached the "make-or-break phase" in Damascus, the Iraqi News Agency flashed a report claiming that President Sadat had arrived in Syria. The report was promptly denied in both Damascus and Cairo, amid the puzzling absence of Sadat from an extraordinary session of parliament marking the third anniversary of his massive crackdown on the opposition.

The semi-official Cairo newspaper, "Al-Gomhouriya," said yesterday that Sadat was expected to confer with Kissinger in the Egyptian capital tomorrow or Friday. The paper said that Kissinger was due then in Cairo for his fourth visit to Egypt on his current Middle East trip.

The other Egyptian semi-official daily, "Al-Ahram," yesterday maintained a mood of optimism over Kissinger's mediation between Syria and Israel by running a banner headline reading: "White House expects agreement on troop separation."

A pro-Iraqi Lebanese newspaper, "Beirut," went further yesterday to claim that Syria and Israel have reached complete agreement on all details of the disengagement proposals put forward by Kissinger.

"Beirut" said that the only outstanding issue was related to the thinning out of forces and armaments on each side of the new cease-fire line.

The paper said that Syria had abandoned its claim for a specific timetable for Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 frontiers before agreeing to a disengagement agreement. Quoting its correspondent in Damascus, the paper said that the Syrians instead had agreed to an Egyptian-style disengagement formula, under which further issues would be discussed at the Geneva peace conference.

"Beirut" said that Israel had agreed to a pullback from the salient captured in the October War and all peaks on Mount Hermon, and to withdrawal from the town of Kuneitra and three surrounding hills. The paper further claimed that Israel has also agreed to withdraw from a 10-km. wide stretch along the old cease-fire line to allow Syrian civilians to return to their villages.

Iraqis said killed in Iran raid

TEHERAN (UPI). — Iranian border guards near the frontier town of Sardasht have killed "four Iraqi guerrillas" who attempted to kidnap four Iranians, Teheran newspapers said yesterday.

The reports said a captain and a lieutenant in the Iranian gendarmerie were killed in the clash. They said Iranian border guards captured rifles and ammunition from "terrorist mercenaries of Iraqi Ba'thists."

Waldheim here in June

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is to make his second extensive Middle East tour next month, visiting Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, a U.N. spokesman said yesterday.

The visit will begin in Beirut, where Waldheim will attend the opening meeting on June 3 of the U.N. Economic Commission for West Asia. Dates of his visits to the other capitals were still being worked out, the spokesman said.

Kissinger asks both sides to think again

Last-ditch try

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Henry Kissinger is to undertake at least one more Jerusalem-Damascus shuttle today in the hope that he can urge each side to make the concessions still required to bridge the gap between them. Late last night officials of both sides said there had been "some progress" — but the differences were still not reconciled.

The Secretary will leave Israel in the afternoon and will probably spend the night in the Syrian capital, returning to Jerusalem tomorrow.

If no breakthrough is made on this, his fifth shuttle the Secretary will leave the area, with one or more senior aides perhaps remaining to continue the negotiations. The Secretary might attempt another personal shuttle at the end of the month.

Flying into Ben-Gurion Airport from Syria last night, a senior official aboard his plane told newsmen the Secretary needed some "reconsideration" by Israel, Syria or both if he was to achieve a disengagement accord. The American and Israeli teams met for two hours last night, and the Cabinet is to meet at nine this morning to hear a report on the talks and take any new decisions required.

Dr. Kissinger has by no means lost hope of obtaining an agreement during this trip. U.S. officials said he puts the chances at about evens. One senior official said the Secretary would know definitely by Thursday morning whether his present mission is to succeed or fail.

The senior official indicated that the problem at issue was still the line of separation, with the gap now narrow in kilometres — but wide in emotional terms. Israel's emotional problem, he explained, was that it had never in its history abandoned land that it had taken and cultivated. (On Monday, the senior official had told newsmen accompanying the Secretary that it had never been the U.S. position that Israel should give up any of its Golan settlements.)

With Syria, the main problem was an internal political one, the official explained, with the hard-liners still reluctant to compromise over land which they felt was sovereign Syrian territory.

However, even if Dr. Kissinger had to return without an agreement, the official said, the talks were not going to blow up. "Considerable progress" had been made in the talks and the two sides were substantially closer than they were when the Secretary came to the Middle East.

The "reconsiderations" which the Secretary was understood to have requested from the Israel side at the meeting last night centred on the Kuneitra area, particularly on the abandoned villages of Mumsiye, five kilometres south of Kuneitra, and the small hamlet of Josiye some three kilometres north of Kuneitra. The Syrians want to resettle these villages in addition to Kuneitra and the village of Ahmadiya, five kilometres north-west of the town, which Israel is understood to have agreed to return to Syrian civilian administration.

As the days have turned into weeks (yesterday was Dr. Kissinger's 17th day out of Washington), it has become ever more important for the Secretary himself that his mission end in at least a partial success. Total failure would inevitably dent his prestige.

House Committee hears tapes

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee met behind tightly-guarded doors yesterday to hear for the first time evidence on the Watergate cover-up — and presidential tapes liberally sprinkled with blasphemies and blemishes.

Police kept reporters from the room in the Rayburn Building, across the streets from the Capitol, as members of the committee held the second of their historic hearings of impeachment evidence against President Nixon.

An 18-and-a-half minute buzz obliterating part of one key tape was expected to be among the first sounds the committee's 38 members hear when the recordings are played.

The tape is of a conversation between Nixon and former White House Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman three days after the June 17, 1972 break-in at Democratic national committee headquarters in the Watergate Hotel here.

Court-appointed technical experts have said the gap seemed to be due to five manual erasures and on Monday they provided an updated secret report to Watergate Judge John Sirica. It will be made public in about two weeks.

The committee has before it a total of 19 Watergate tapes and a mountain of documents and other material, including the 200,000 words of edited transcripts the White House issued two weeks ago in response to a committee subpoena for actual tape recordings.

While more subpoenas might be served on the White House for additional tapes, the controversy that has been raging over the moral tone running through the transcripts and their contents wag heightened by a report pointing out two different versions of a section of the same conversation.

The "Washington Post" said the difference in words appeared to be the result of an accident and the use of two different typists who may have inadvertently listened to and transcribed the same part of an April 16, 1971, conversation between Nixon and Assistant Attorney General Henry Petersen.

The transcripts as a whole contain numerous deletions marked "expletives," "unintelligible" or "inaudible" and have raised cries for Nixon's resignation from some senior Republicans and sections of the press usually considered pro-Nixon.

In another development as the impeachment hearings continued, leaders of the Democratic Party pledged after a closed-door morning caucus that the proceedings would be non-partisan.

"It would be disastrous for the country if the President should resign now and later be found not guilty," House Speaker Carl Albert told reporters afterwards.

Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott, who last week described the tone of the conversations covered in the edited transcripts as shabby, disgusting and immoral, yesterday refused to join forces with other Republicans who have been urging Nixon to quit office.

Meanwhile, a public opinion poll which shows that only 35.3 per cent of the country want Nixon to resign and only 29.9 per cent want him impeached, has been mailed to 6,000 American newspaper editors, broadcasters and Nixon supporters. By the White House.

The poll, which shows that a majority of the country wants Nixon to stay in office, was taken by the Albert Sindlinger Co., a suburban Philadephia firm, and differs significantly from other public opinion polls released in the past week.

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Weather synopsis: Upper trough from Turkey to East Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	63	11—20	12—20
Golan	55	7—19	8—19
Nahariya	66	14—23	14—23
Safad	60	10—20	10—20
Haifa	66	19—23	15—22
Tiberias	46	14—29	14—29
Nazareth	61	12—21	12—21
Afula	52	16—24	12—24
Shomron	61	13—19	13—19
Tel Aviv	60	15—22	14—22
Lod	54	13—24	12—24
Jericho	46	15—30	15—30
Gaza	72	16—23	15—23
Beersheba	47	13—25	12—25
Eilat	28	19—31	19—31
Tiran	26	— 31	— 31

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Dr. Reuven Hecht, Daniel Recanati, Israel Pollak, Aluf (res.) Mordechai Limon and Aluf (res.) Yosef Carmel. He also received Dr. Domingo Liotta, Health Minister of Argentina, who is visiting as a guest of the Government.

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Dr. Liotta and his wife also called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu in his office. Later in the day, they and the Argentinian Ambassador, Jorge E. Casal, visited Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. Dr. Haim Pazner, member of the management of the Remembrance Authority, conducted the visitors on a tour of the remembrance halls. In a ceremony in the Hall of Remembrance, the Minister laid a wreath on the cenotaph.

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Knesset Speaker Yeshayahu yesterday sent a cable to the President of the Council of Europe, Guiseppe Vedovato, congratulating him on the Council's 25th anniversary. The Speaker also met with an 80-man delegation representing the Socialist Party in Holland, led by Mr. W. Polak.

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The Burmese Ambassador, U Ba Ni, yesterday called on Justice Minister Haim Zadok.

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The French Ambassador, Jean Herly, yesterday visited Bar-Ilan University and called on Rector Menahem Kaddari and members of the Department of French Literature.

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A party was held yesterday at the Exports Institute in Tel Aviv for Yitzhak Ona, who has been appointed Ambassador to South Africa.

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Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch will speak on "Does the Knesset Fulfil its Functions?" at the regular luncheon meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, today at 1 p.m. at the YMCA.

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Yohanan Boehm, Music Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, will speak on "Israel Music" (with illustrations on tape) at the monthly meeting of the B'nai B'rith Albert Einstein English-speaking Lodge, 5 Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem, tonight at 8.30 p.m

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Amitai Mazar will lecture on "The Philistine Temple in Tel Kasila" at Beit Agron, Jerusalem, tomorrow at 8 p.m.

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The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a Ladies Evening at the Dan Carmel Hotel, 8 p.m. tonight, at which Mr. David Hacohen will speak (in Hebrew) on "Now It May Be Told."

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Mrs. Rahel Rivlin, widow of the noted historian Professor Yosef Yoel Rivlin, and pioneer of the Rivlin clan's return from the U.S. to Jerusalem 40 years ago, was honoured last week at a luncheon given on her 70th birthday by the Jerusalem Mental Health Centre-Ezrath Nashim.

DEPARTURES

Hebrew University Vice-President Bernard Cherrick, for Canada and the U.S., *on a University mission.*
Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, for Switzerland after a week's visit.

No shore leave for Pakistani seamen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Twelve Pakistani seamen, who arrived here yesterday aboard the Greek freighter Valentina, were denied shore passes by the Coastal Police. The men will stay aboard until the ship sails.

Pakistan is an unfriendly state which has no diplomatic relations with Israel.

THE WEST BANK had a bumper wheat crop this year following last season's rains and the introduction of improved strains and farming techniques. There were some 20,000 dunam under wheat.

DAYAN IN KNESSET

No evidence that Egypt or Syria has rocket nuclear warheads

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Israel has no evidence to confirm that Egypt or Syria have ever received nuclear warheads for rockets from Soviet or other sources, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said in the Knesset yesterday. He was replying to a parliamentary question by Haviv Shimoni (Alignment).

The Minister told Shmuel Tamir (Likud) that Egypt was observing the disengagement agreement fully with regard to stationing of tanks in the force reduction zone. This applied to artillery, too, with the exception of coastal batteries at Port Said and Port Fuad, which were in contravention of the agreement, he said.

The 13 U.N. observers in Syria from the Soviet Union, and the same number in Egypt, are forbidden to cross from the Arab to the Israeli sides of the line, he told Ehud Olmert (Likud). The Republic of Ireland, which does not have a diplomatic mission in Israel or the Arab countries, has observers on both sides of the lines, however. Otherwise only U.N. observers from states which have diplomatic relations with Israel may cross this country from Egypt to Syria, but along a fixed route at a fixed time, escorted by IDF liaison officers after prior notice has been given in writing.

No special vigilance is maintained as regards Unef soldiers visiting here on leave, Dayan told questioner Shmuel Tamir, unless there is some special reason for suspicion, in advance. There have been a few cases in the past of Unef soldiers being asked to leave the country he revealed.

Dayan said in other replies:

- 39 soldiers died and 523 were injured in road accidents involving military vehicles between October 24, 1973, and March 10, 1974. Recently the IDF has issued stricter instructions on road safety (to Akiva Nof — Likud).
- f flats are vacant in Kiryat Arba, the Military Government has no objetcion to new settlers moving in, provided the Housing Ministry agrees (to Akiva Nof).
- 534 wounded soldiers from the Yom Kippur War are still in hospitals and military convelescent homes. So far 5,231 soldiers have been discharged (to Yehuda Shaari — ILP).
- Religious youth at 152 yeshvot can defer their military service. In the past ten years, 6,471 young men have received such deferment. Each year some 800 additional deferments are granted, while some 500 complete their deferment period and do their training. Between March 1973 and February 1974 the total number of deferred students rose by 153 (to Yigal Horowitz — Likud and Yehuda Shaari).
- The IDF does not allow Reform rabbis to serve in the Chaplaincy corps or under the Chef Education Officer (to Avraham Werdiger — Aguda Front).

First watermelon harvest at Nahal Massua in the southern Jordan Valley. (Starphot)

Price hikes opposed

MKs attack Egged and Dan

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Egged and Dan bus cooperatives came under scathing attack in the Knesset yesterday, as a stream of MKs took to the rostrum to offer lists of charges against the carriers.

"Israel's urban and inter-urban buses are filthy and uncomfortable," Yitzhak Nudai (Likud), asserted. There are not enough bus routes, not enough buses on the existing routes, and the fares are just too high."

He also attacked the Transport Ministry for having neglected the development of the railroad for many years.

Although the debate was formally devoted to the bus fare increases approved a few months ago, the discussion was especially timely yesterday, following Egged's surprise statement earlier this week that it may halt all service next Sunday, unless the Government comes up with IL50m.

The company claims a sharp drop in the number of passengers since the war has pushed it into a severe financial situation, and it is now losing IL500,000 a day.

"The latest news about Egged's financial straits will probably lead to a demand for another fare increase," Aguda's Menahem Porush told the House. "We must start fighting against such a plan right now."

He said Egged's troubles are its own doing — that there would not have been fewer passengers had the company sought a more moderate fare increase, instead of the 55-to-66 per cent fare hike it gained. This was especially important since people can make fewer non-essential trips now that food prices have soared.

Hillel Zeidel (ILP) charged the Transport Minister with negligence in not keeping a close watch on the bus cooperatives' balance sheets in recent years. He said the public must not be allowed to suffer from Egged's internal problems of waste and the refusal of its members to unite with the Dan Cooperative in a move that would improve service to the public.

Moshe Arens of the Likud reminded the Knesset that good public transport is the only answer to the country's worsening air pollution, a problem caused by the rapidly growing number of private cars on the roads each year. But the present state of bus service only encourages people to shun public transport, he said.

Moked's Meir Pa'il branded the bus companies "capitalistic monopolists who have long ago ceased to be cooperatives." He charged thousand of workers in the bus firms can never even hope to become members. Mr. Pa'il concluded: "Perhaps the time has come for the Government to form a bus company of its own, and operate it — even at a substantial subsidy — just as it operates Israel Railways."

Transport Minister Aharon Yariv will reply to the debate at a future date.

PLAN TO AVERT HALT IN EGGED SERVICE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egged's threatened halt in bus service this Sunday — because of a shortage of IL50m. in current operating capital — may be averted, through a plan suggested yesterday by Attorney General Meir Shamgar.

He told Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir it would be legal for the bus cooperatives to use their Compulsory Employers Loan certificates as collateral for the loans they want to secure.

Mr. Shamgar's suggestion came after Mr. Sapir told a meeting of Government and bus company representatives on Monday night that one way of raising the money could be by Egged redeeming its Employers Loan certificates. This was subsequently ruled out, however, since the law forbids such redemptions.

Transport Minister Aharon Yariv told the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday the Government will spend IL82m. this year to improve roads in and around Tel Aviv — to ease traffic.

He also told the Committee it was urgent to establish, as soon as possible, a metropolitan transportation authority for the Tel Aviv area. Such a body, he said, should have the power to overcome the disagreements among Dan Region local authorities, which now complicate the public transport situation in and around Israel's largest city.

Shubinsky trial witness admits he lied in bribe hearing

HAIFA. — A prosecution witness caused a sensation in the District Court here yesterday at the trial of Yitzhak Shubinsky — former general-manager of Autocars charged with bribing army officers and Government officials — when he revealed that he had lied at the trial of a senior officer allegedly bribed by Shubinsky.

Shimon Segev, a former sales manager at Autocars, told the court that he had deliberately lied before a special army tribunal set up last year to try Sgan-Aluf Naftali Kom on charges of accepting a bribe from the firm. S/A Kom, who headed a department in the Quartermaster Corps and served as its liaison man with Autocars, was alleged to have used his influence with the firm to acquire cars for two of his relatives at an abnormal discount. He was acquitted, largely thanks to Segev, who changed his original statement to the police and refused to divulge anything at the trial, replying "I don't know" or "I don't remember" to every question he was asked.

Segev was dismissed as a hostile witness and subsequently charged in the Haifa District Court with giving false testimony at Kom's trial. He was fined IL3,000 and given a six month suspended sentence for giving contradictory evidence. He was, however, acquitted of perjury. The prosecution appealed the Court's decision, and it was this that persuaded Segev "to tell the whole truth," in the hope that this would induce the prosecution to drop its appeal. He added that now that Kom had been acquitted, the truth could no longer harm him.

Segev told the court that he had agreed to cover up for Kom at the time to save the latter's army career. He added that Kom and his lawyer had assured him that he could not be convicted simply for "failing to remember," which was all he was asked to do.

The police sergeant investigating the case, Sergeant-Major Ezra Hadrawi, who also testified yesterday, told the court that Autocars had sold hundreds of cars at a discount, but he was only asked to look into those cases where discounts exceeding IL1,000 were given to public figures.

Shubinsky is charged with bribing 13 officials and officers in this way. The names of other public figures were mentioned in the trial, but were not included on the charge sheet as they had no direct ties with the factory.

The trial continues tomorrow.

Transport failure in war debated by Knesset

Jerusalem Post Reporter

There were no effective contingency plans for trucking and public transport services during the October War, an MK said yesterday, during a Knesset debate on the subject. Aharon Abuhazira, of the NRP, said: "Trucks and tenders were mobilized indiscriminately, without an organized plan. The result was that the people who should have received vehicles did not."

He said dairies, such as Tnuva, and bakeries, should be exempt from liability of having their vehicles seized during an emergency, since such enterprises supply a vital daily requirement — milk and bread.

Yehuda Yudin, Alignment, called on the Transport Ministry to get to work on plans for public transport in event of a future emergency. He suggested that all "special" taxis should become sherut cabs as buses are removed from service, and car owners who are not conscripted should be pressed into service as drivers, using their own automobiles as carriers.

A DELEGATION of senior Greek Orthodox Church officials headed by Archimandirite Daniel and including three archbishops and nine priests left here yesterday for Moscow. They said they are delivering a message from Orthodox Patriarch Benedictus I to his Russian counterpart.

Footing bill for laid-off Zim workers

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The State is spending some IL562,000 monthly on anchorage fees for the two Zim passenger line vessels Nili and Dan, and is covering the wages of over 100 clerical staff employees and crew members, despite the fact that it was decided to liquidate the company in January.

Transport Minister Aharon Yariv said this in the Knesset yesterday, in reply to a question by Gideon Patt (Likud).

Mr. Yariv told Yedidia Beeri (Likud) that his Ministry had opened 23 stations to test diesel exhaust smoke emission standards.

Giving an example of the rate at which the number of vehicles would run short of road surface area because of construction shortfalls, the Minister told Avraham Katz (Likud) that each vehicle would have the equivalent of 110 square metres of road surface in 1980, as compared with 172 today. Some developed countries had as much as 550 square metres per vehicle, he said.

Kol at Massua

AREA SETTLEMENTS ARE HERE TO STAY

MASSUA. — "We are setting up settlements in the territories to stay, as these represent the future map of Israel," Tourism Minister Moshe Kol said yesterday, at a ceremony here marking the transition of this Jordan Valley settlement from military to civilian status.

Moshav Massua was set up as a Nahal settlement in 1969, and it yesterday became the 33rd such settlement to receive civilian status. The ceremony was attended, apart from Mr. Kol, by Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner, O.C. Central Command Aluf Yona Efrat, O.C. Nahal, Aluf-Mishne Menashe Dar, and hundreds of soldiers and relatives of the new settlers.

Mr. Kol went on to say that while we are in favour of peace, "this must not be at the expense of the settlements we are setting up." The settlements in the Jordan Valley, he concluded, "are establishing Israel's security boundaries."

O.C. Central Command Aluf Yona Efrat also addressed the settlers, saying that "today as in the past, Massua will mark our border, the real border between the cultivated land and the desert." He noted that we were returning to our ancient homeland, and remains of our past could be found in every corner of the Jordan Valley.

"It is our right to return and establish a fighting Jewish settlement that will decide our future border," he concluded.

O.C. Nahal, Aluf-Mishne Menashe Dar reviewed the importance of the Nahal settlements in the Jordan Valley, and said such settlements would continue to be established "on each and every site in our country, especially in dangerous and difficult places." (Itim)

Checking abuses by doctors in Gov't hospitals

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Any citizen who has evidence that physicians are exploiting public hospitals for their private practice is invited to submit it to the Ministry of Health. This emerged from Health Minister Victor Shemtov's reply yesterday to a Knesset question by Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment).

Mrs. Arbeli had quoted newspaper reports that doctors were getting rich on private patients for whom they got beds in Government hospitals — thus depriving needy patients of treatment.

Mr. Shemtov replied that dotcors were absolutely prohibited from using beds in government and Kupat Holim hospitals for private patients. He added, however, that none of the accusations against doctors had thus far been substantiated. "But if the public cooperates and there is enough evidence to get convictions, the suspects will be brought to court," he promised.

TV acted alone to end Sabbath morning shows

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Education Committee charged yesterday that the Broadcasting Authority had ignored its explicit request to continue Sabbath morning TV for children while the topic was under discussion in committee.

Despite committee chairman Avraham Shechterman's request to Walter Eytan, the chairman of the management committee of the Authority, the Authority ignored the Knesset and stopped the telecasts.

Mr. Shechterman, who published the complaint in the Knesset yesterday, said the Authority's action would come on the agenda of today's committee session. The decision is to be forwarded to the Authority's plenary.

U.S. offers asylum for Syrian Jews

WASHINGTON (JTA). — The U.S. is offering haven to Syrian Jews, if they are able to get out of Syria, it was disclosed yesterday. The offer is contained in a new State Department letter defining U.S. policy on the matter.

"In addition to trying to help Syrian Jews through diplomatic channels, the U.S. policy is that any Syrian Jew who reaches any one of seven designated countries may enter the U.S., under provisions of the Immigration and Naturalization Act, as either refugees or on the basis of family relationships," a State Department spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday.

"The purpose clearly is to facilitate entry into America for Syrian Jews who manage to get out of Syria," the spokesman said. Of the seven designated countries, only Lebanon is contiguous to Syria. The other are: Austria, Belgium, France, West Germany, Greece and Italy.

Man shot in Davidka Sq.

A man was shot in the hip in Jerusalem's Davidka Square yesterday afternoon, apparently after a personal dispute with a friend. Shlomo Doga, 20, of Moshav Maoz Zion was rushed for treatment to Shaare Zedek Hospital.

Passersby said they saw two men arguing near the Central Hotel. One of them took out a pistol and fired two shots at the other. The wounded man shouted: "Shlomo, stop!" but the assailant fired a third shot and fled the scene.

The police spokesman reported that they know the identity of the suspect, and they are investigating.

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Metal workers blame 'callous boss' for week-old strike

By YA'ACOV ARDON, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The strike of 500 workers at the Electric Wire and Cable Company here went into its second week yesterday, with no sign of a settlement. "The strike will continue, even if it means closure of the plant," Labour Council secretary Eliezer Molk said on Sunday.

Council officials and the shop committee chairman yesterday stressed that the strike broke out because of labour relations, not because of wage demands. They said relations at the plant are worse than in any other plant in the metal industry, and they said general manager Re'uven Hirschson is the source of the dispute.

The labour representatives spoke of the "unprecedented callousness, even brutality, with which the workers are treated." One man said he was not allowed to use a company telephone when he tried to find out about his soldier son during the war. The plant's regime and discipline were those of an army barracks, they said.

The present dispute erupted over the dismissal of 18 maintenance workers last month, after they demanded regrading. Management refused, and the men stopped working overtime. Most of these men had worked at the plant for 10 to 15 years.

Relations continued to deteriorate, until 90 per cent of the workers voted to strike.

Labour Council secretaries Yitzhak Messica and Baruch Scheingross said: "The company's management is regarded as a nuisance not only at the Labour Council, but also at the Manufacturers Association."

The EWC management last week blamed the Labour Council for its indifference to the indiscipline and even violence and the unauthorized work stoppages of the maintenance men, for going back on its agreement to have the dispute arbitrated, and finally, for insisting that back wages be paid even before arbitration. They say they offered to pay the sum involved as a loan that would be cancelled if back pay was awarded by the arbitrator, and that it was over this issue that the strike broke out.

Stevedores want more men on port cranes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The port stevedores' committee has rejected the ruling of Labour Council secretary Eliezer Molk, to have the port's five bloom-type cranes operated by crews of six when they handle containerised cargoes.

When the cranes were put up 18 months ago, the committee demanded that they be operated by eight men, regardless of the type of work, as is the practice with the port's older cranes. The management insisted on six-man crews, as practised in Ashdod harbour.

Mr. Molk got both sides to accept an interim ruling of seven-man crews, pending his ruling, which was delayed for months due to the war. He finally announced his decision earlier this month, and the management accepted it. Yesterday the port spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that they would not press the case for the time being, to give Mr. Molk a chance to persuade the men to accept it too.

Meanwhile the port's new gantry container crane is also being manned by a crew of six, though the management holds that two men are sufficient, according to the manufacturer's specifications, but is "ready to compromise." The matter is still being studied by the Labour Council.

The spokesman noted that operating the cranes according to proper specifications "would have enabled us to eliminate 500 jobs in the port during the past two years."

Browsing around the stalls at the opening of Hebrew Book Week in Tel Aviv yesterday afternoon. (Bar-Tal)

Kibbutzim seek 10,000 new members

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Kibbutz Ha'meuhad movement will seek 10,000 new members in the next three years, chairman Yisrael Pinhasi said at a press conference yesterday. The 250 kibbutzim in Israel are ready to take in 3,500 to 4,000 new members this year.

Mr. Pinhasi said the number could be doubled, if the authorities help to build 1,000 new housing units. Last year, the movement accepted nearly 4,000 new members.

There is a great need for technicians in the modern kibbutz, which depends on industry for 50 per cent of its income. "Membership rules for technicians are the same as for other members," Hanoch Vilan, of Kibbutz Artzi, told the press.

Housing is the main handicap in promoting kibbutz development Some 5,000 veterans in kibbutzim still live in sub-standard homes. Israelis who want to join the kibbutz are not entitled to homes built by the Housing Ministry. These are alloted to new immigrants only.

Last year, 10 per cent of the immigrants from Western countries joined kibbutzim, but practically none of the Soviet immigrants chose the kibbutz way of life. "The idea of the kibbutz they have in Russia is quite misguided — we are going to open ulpanim in kibbutzim and make the immigrants aquainted with kibbutz reality," Mr. Pinhasi said.

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Crane operator killed by high tension line

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFULA. — A 46-year-old crane operator, Ze'ev Shmetterling-Rosen, was electrocuted at Kfar Baruch on Monday when a metal pipe he was handling touched a high tension overhead line. Police and Labour Ministry inspectors are investigating the accident.

In another accident, Radwa Saleh Zaki, 10, of Kafr Masar in the Jezre'el Valley, was fatally injured yesterday when she fell from the second storey balcony of her aunt's house. The girl had been watering flowers on the balcony ledge and lost her balance. She was taken to Beilinson Hospital where she died shortly after admission.

High Court order on Silwan road repair

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arab notables from Silwan and Abu Tor yesterday obtained an order *nisi* from the High Court of Justice, calling upon the Jerusalem Municipality to show cause within 30 days why it should not repair the Silwan road.

The road, which the applicants say serves 20,000 residents, was closed to traffic two weeks ago when a Jewish religious group — the Holy Sites Association — undermined it while digging up old Jewish graves alongside the roadway. The applicants' attorney, Naomi Weill, said last night that they had written to the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Police and Religious Affairs without receiving a reply.

Mayor Teddy Kollek did reply to their letter, visiting the site on May 4 and promising the villagers that a solution would be found within a week, Mrs. Weill said. When the week passed, the mukhtars of Silwan and Abu Tor and four other residents appealed to the court.

The residents say that illegal digging alongside the roadway had been going on for months without the Municipality stopping it. They said that buses must make a seven-kilometre detour through Abu Tor, whose narrow roadways are often filled with children. The order was issued by Justice Yitzhak Kahn.

Mr. Kollek has asked the Government for permission to build a Bailey bridge over the affected section, but both Jewish and Moslem religious officials declared this week that they oppose this solution.

One-day strike at Hadassah

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 2,000 employees of Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital were due to end their one-day warning strike at 7 o'clock this morning. All out-patient clinics were closed yesterday, and only skeleton nursing and kitchen staffs attended patients.

The doctors, who were not on strike, performed only urgent operations. Several babies were born during the strike. All wounded soldiers received priority treatment.

The strike, over workers' demands for a special retirement grant, may be resumed in two weeks unless agreement with management is reached by then.

Tel Aviv Spring Week

SIDEWALK SALE OF ART AND BOOKS

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Spring Week Festival began here last night with a sidewalk art sale and the opening of the Hebrew Book Fair. Sderot Chen was turned into an outdoor art market, as 141 artists and sculptors displayed their works in the boulevard under the trees.

The festival will be more subdued than in recent years, because of budgetary problems and the fact that the new administration took office only in February, which did not leave enough time to organize festival events on a larger scale.

The main event is the art show, along the whole length of Sderot Chen from Dizengoff Street to City Hall. The boulevard is decorated with multi-coloured lights, and among the art works offered for sale are paintings, prints, sculpture and ceramics.

Every evening from 5.00 to 11.00 p.m., the public will be treated to films about the life and work of great artists, which will be screened non-stop at the Mann Auditorium.

The Hebrew Book Week, which is held throughout the country, is held here in the framework of the festival. Aside from the huge outdoor book market at Kikar Malchei Yisrael, in which 75 publishers are retailing their books at reduced prices, the city has designated a section of the square as "Poets' Corner." Singers will perform poetry put to music every night until May 21, when the festival closes.

The city has asked the publishers to contribute books for libraries, which it plans to set up in disadvantaged neighbourhoods. Some of the books will go to libraries in the Hatikva Quarter, and the others will be sent to Kiryat Shmona libraries, and to a library planned for the town of Shlomi.

Also in the framework of the spring festival, there will be various performances in the Tel Aviv Museum auditorium, including popularly-priced jazz and classical concerts and poetry recitals.

AN ARABIC PRESS DIGEST containing selections from the Arabic-language dailies and weeklies published in Israel, including East Jerusalem, is being supplied regularly to Knesset Members, covering affairs of special parliamentary interest.

Ruling upheld in H.U. entry case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Supreme Court has upheld the decision of the Jerusalem District Court rejecting the plea by four demobilized soldiers to force the Hebrew University to accept them into the Faculty of Law.

The four applied to the University in the autumn of 1973 and were refused admission because of their low matriculation grades. After fighting in the Yom Kippur War, they felt that under the special provisions for veterans they should be among the 30 additional students admitted to the first-year class in March.

Two of the men were in fact admitted and the other two rejected. In the meantime, they had taken their case to the District Court and upon losing, they appealed the decision. They were turned down again on Monday.

Humus price up, tehina too

The Price Commission yesterday approved 10-15 per cent increases in the price of humus, tehina, mayonnaise, spreads and mustard.

A 100-gram container of prepared humus went up from 75 to 85 agorot; a 310 gram jar from IL1.80 to IL2; a 420 gram jar from IL2.25 to IL2.50. A 100 gram package of instant humus rose from IL1 to IL1.20.

Prepared tehina (100 grams) rose to 85 agorot from 75, and instant tehina (100 grams) from IL1.10 to IL1.25. Mayonnaise rose 10 per cent and mustard by 13.5 per cent. Telma's "Genuine Mustard" was allowed a 21 per cent increase.

British pair ahead in bridge Olympiad

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands (Reuter). — Britain was ahead of 39 other nations in both main events of the World Bridge Olympiad, when play resumed yesterday afternoon.

In the open pair championship. Irving Manning, a Leeds dentist, and Dr. Alan Sowter, a lecturer at Nottingham University, were narrowly ahead of 190 other pairs with a score of 12,320 match points. They are playing in their first full international event.

U.S. labour blasts Soviet Mideast policy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The executive council of the AFL-CIO — America's powerful labour roof organization — has expressed its concern over the Soviet Union's "aggressive" policy in the Middle East.

In a statement issued last week, the council said: "The breach of the cease-fire and the continuous fighting which has been launched by Syria in the last two months have enjoyed the all-out support of the Soviet Union and its satellites. This aggressive course by the Kremlin provokes tension; it is the very opposite of detente, and sets new cruel barriers to peace."

The AFL-CIO statement also expressed "deep disappointment and disgust" with the U.S. vote for the U.N. resolution on April 25, condemning Israel for a "retaliatory act on terrorist bases" in Lebanon.

Why apartment prices soar

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Apartment prices have soared recently because the demand exceeds supply, Housing Minister Yehoshua Rabinovitch told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, in a review of the current budget of his Ministry. There is a shortage of apartments under construction, he said.

With the rise in apartment prices forcing ever-widening sectors of the population to apply for aid from the Housing Ministry, he said, he had ordered a new and simple set of criteria to be drafted, to determine who qualified for State help in housing.

Fewer strikes, days lost in first-quarter

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There were 90 per cent fewer work days lost due to strikes in the first quarter of 1974 than in the corresponding period of 1973, according to the Histadrut Institute for Economic and Social Research. There were 5,514 working days lost in this year; last year's figure is 52,027.

There were 19 strikes and one lock-out in the January-March period this year, compared to 64 strikes, full or partial, in the first quarter of 1973.

Most of the strikes this year were in public services — eight in government, three in local authorities, three in the Histadrut. Only six strikes were in privately owned enterprises.

P.T. Hapoel win in semi-finals

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

Petah Tikva Hapoel yesterday took a giant step towards the cup final, in scoring a 1:0 away win over Jerusalem Betar in the first leg of their State Cup semi-final soccer match at the YMCA stadium.

The all-important goal was scored by Gaby Rosendoren with a 20-metres low shot after 30 minutes. Considerable second-half pressure by Jerusalem Betar failed to produce goals. Shmuel Rosenthal and goalkeeper Yitzhak Visoker played outstanding games for Petah Tikva.

The return game will be played early next month. In the second semi-final, Tel Aviv Maccabi meets Haifa Hapoel at the Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa at 6.30 tonight.

Courtesy counts in tourist sales

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Representatives of the country's tourist-recommended shops met yesterday to discuss "courtesy to the customer" and ways to improve their shops. The shops account for one-third of the country's annual sales to tourists.

The two-day meeting, organized by the Tourism Ministry in cooperation with the Retailers Association and the Productivity Institute, will emphasize the need to treat every tourist as a potential repeat customer, who will also mention the polite service in Israel to his friends back home.

The general secretary of the Retailers Association, Moshe Perlok, said yesterday that service had improved considerably over the past several years, although there was still considerable room for improvement.

The shopkeepers will ask the Tourism Minister, who was due to address them last night, to help finance store improvements.

Laid-off stewards demand work at sea

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Some 130 stewards from the laid-up passenger ships Dan and Nili have rejected an offer of enlarged severance pay and to look for jobs on shore. They are demanding work at sea, especially on the short shipping lines with frequent home calls.

The Seamen's Union is backing their demand and is also demanding unemployment pay for the men. Only 16 stewards, who were offered early pensions, have accepted the offer, which was recommended by a special committee appointed by the Transport Minister when the decision to abolish the passenger fleet was taken last January.

The problem is an acute one because there are not many openings for stewards in the merchant marine, especially on the short runs the men are demanding.

THE NEW Micha centre for deaf children aged eight months to six years opened yesterday in Ramat Aviv. The IL2m. facility has kindergartens and individual teaching rooms with one-way mirrors, so that students, teachers and parents can observe the children's progress.

Suez Canal will make link critical

EILAT NEEDS A RAILROAD

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The planned reopening of the Suez Canal will make the need for a railway to Eilat critical, according to experts who are studying the situation. Even though it will be more costly to build a railroad in these inflationary times, the experts feel Eilat's future as a dry goods port depends on such a rail link.

While the Government expects that the Egyptians will permit Israeli ships — or at least Israeli cargoes — to pass through the reopened Canal, experts are taking three possibilities into consideration. Dr. Naftali Wydra, head of the Israel Shipping Research Institute, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday:

First, if the Egyptians bar the passage of either Israeli ships or goods, Eilat's port would benefit from this eventuality because it would hardly effect any changes in the cargo flow. But Zim, which runs modern container ships between Japan, North America and the Mediterranean, would be affected.

A considerable part of Zim's cargo business is to Mediterranean ports, and if the Canal will remain closed to its ships, the line will have to face strong competition from foreign ships that will be able to pass through. The distance between Yokohama and Genoa via the Canal is about one-third less, which will give the foreign ships an advantage of at least nine days less sailing time, which may push Zim out of the market for a whole range of cargoes.

However, Eilat would gain, because foreign ships plying the route would be willing to pick up cargoes there after going through the Canal.

The second possibility is that only Israeli goods, carried on foreign ships, will be allowed through the Canal. "This would be very bad for Eilat," Dr. Wydra said. Importers and exporters would no longer find it worthwhile to ship via Eilat, because of the expenses and difficulties of overland transport from the centre and north of the country.

In that case, the Government would have to decide either to allow Eilat's dry goods trade to die off, or to subsidize overland transport as an incentive to ship via Eilat.

The third eventuality is that both Israeli ships and goods will be allowed through the Canal, which would be very good for our shipping companies, but very bad for Eilat.

Israeli ships would be able to sail from Haifa and Ashdod, taking exports to South Africa, and then sail to West African ports to load logs for our plywood industry. The problem of citrus exports to the Far East would be solved, since refrigeration ships could sail from our Mediterranean ports.

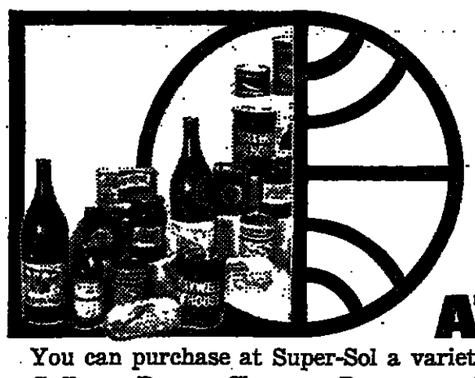
However, in any of the eventualities, Eilat will keep its place as an oil harbour, and continue to ship the export of Negev phosphates and Dead Sea potash. But in order to make the handling of the chemical exports more efficient and cheaper, a railway is needed.

A railway may also make it worthwhile to ship certain dry goods through Eilat, and it could make the harbour competitive against the Canal route, with its expected high passage toll. The railway would naturally foster the development of the Negev and the establishment of towns and settlements along its routes.

Dr. Wydra says the railway would also open the possibility for a new major export — salt from the Dead Sea. Japan is a big salt importer, with an "almost unlimited market," and it should not be difficult to sell a million tons of cheap Dead Sea salt a year.

But this depends on cheap rail transport to Eilat, because the present transport by truck makes the costs prohibitive.

In the past, foreign enterprises indicated their readiness to build the Eilat railway, and finance it with long-term loans. "Unfortunately, the offers were not taken up, but I believe that it is still not too late. We can still get offers from foreign firms at terms that would make the enterprise viable," Dr. Wydra said.



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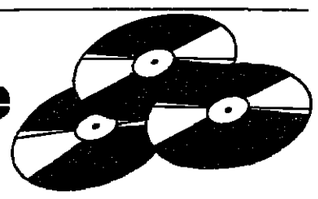

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Secret British documents on Palestine released

CHURCHILL BID TO FORCE PARTITION

LONDON (JTA). — Secret Cabinet papers dealing with the final period of the British Mandate in Palestine have now been released and reveal that Winston Churchill, then Prime Minister, attempted a rapid solution of the Palestine problem before the end of World War II and clashed strongly with Anthony Eden (now Lord Avon), his Foreign Secretary.

The papers, now deposited in the Public Record Office, show that Churchill and Leo Amery, Secretary of State for India, pushed strongly for partition at the earliest possible date, while Eden complained that the Foreign Office was not even represented on the Cabinet's Palestine Committee.

In the event, a combined weight of advice prevented the partition of Palestine being rushed before the end of the war with Japan. The dispute also involved Field-Marshal Smuts of South Africa, who came out against Churchill's plan.

The Cabinet Committee on Palestine was formed in July, 1943. It consisted of Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary; Lord Cranborne, Lord Privy Seal; Leo Amery, Secretary of State for India; Oliver Stanley, Colonial Secretary; and Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Minister.

There was a question, the papers reveal, of removing Amery's name because of his known sympathies for the Jewish cause, but Churchill cancelled the change with a minute: "I have decided not to remove the Secretary of State's name. It is quite true that he has my way of thinking, which no doubt is to be deplored, but he has great knowledge and mental energy."

"It is of course for you to say," commented Eden in a frosty minute, "but I do feel that the Foreign Office should be represented." The name of Richard Law, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, was therefore added. So was that of Lord Moyne, Minister Resident in the Middle East, later assassinated, and of his successor, R. G. Casey.

By Christmas, 1943, the committee's report came out in favour of the partition of Palestine, with only the Foreign Office member dissenting. Churchill expressed himself in January, 1944, as satisfied with "this very fine piece of work."

But he doubted whether the proposals should be published before the American presidential elections in November, and thought action on them best deferred "until the defeat of Hitler."

He was prepared, he wrote, to dispense with a Chiefs of Staff commentary before the first discussion in Cabinet on the strategic implications of the partition plan, but General Sir Alan Brooke was on the alert, and a Chiefs of Staff report was ready four days later. It expressed military apprehensions and insisted on complete secrecy being maintained in the interest of Middle East security, pointing out the danger of disturbances.

The Chiefs of Staff also demanded an opinion from the Foreign Office. Leo Amery, however, urged Churchill to make "a swift and clean cut... the whole estimate of the Chiefs of Staff committees seems to be exaggerated," he said.

On January 25, 1944, the partition report was approved by the War Cabinet, but the need for continued secrecy and deferred action was accepted. Churchill doubted whether an announcement of the partition plan would lead to both Arab and Jewish disturbances, but the Chief of Staff refused to modify their views. Eden reserved his final judgment on the partition plan, while his representative, Richard Law, wrote that the proposed boundaries were "completely unenforceable."

Lord Killearn, British Ambassador to Egypt, stressed that the plan "would involve us in great difficulties and odium."

In June, 1944, Eden asked for the Cabinet to have a second look at the partition plan, but Oliver Stanley objected on the grounds that anything short of partition "leaves this country with the continuing responsibility for the government of Palestine."

Churchill minuted: "I agree with your minute in general. It is well known I am determined not to break the pledges of the British Government to the Zionists expressed in the Balfour Declaration (1917), as modified by my subsequent statement at the Colonial Office in 1921."

In the face of Eden's opposition, a second report was completed by the Palestine Committee in October 1944. It proposed that partition should consist of three new states. This would help to meet the Chiefs of Staff strategic requirements for Middle East Defence.

There was to be a Jerusalem state with Britain responsible for its foreign relations and defence: a Jewish coastal state; and a state of South Syria, comprising Transjordan and the Arab areas of Palestine.

Sir Edward Grigg, the new Minister Resident in the Middle East, however, raised objections, backed by the Foreign Office, to the partition plan. In a report of April 1945 he said that "partition offers no real solution and suffers from serious defects." He shared Eden's preference for a single trustee state.

In face of such apparent deadlock, Churchill agreed to refer the whole issue to Field-Marshal Smuts, the South African Prime Minister. Smuts quickly replied, on April 13, 1945, that "there is a consensus of opinion of men on the spot that partition is not a practical policy. I believe that partition is strategically dangerous, economically and geographically most difficult and that the racial and political tangles will remain and perhaps become worse." The Palestine Mandate should be maintained under British control, he recommended.

Faced with such strong opposition, Churchill deferred all discussions of the Palestine problem, which fell to his successor, Clement Attlee, to reopen with a proposal in October 1945 for a U.N. trusteeship and controlled Jewish immigration (the notorious Bevin programme).

By that time the problem, which the War Cabinet had agreed to keep away from the San Francisco Conference on post-war issues, began to fall increasingly under the scrutiny of the U.S. government and the newly formed U.N. Organization.

Gifts of Arab jewels to Pat Nixon, daughters

NEW YORK (UPI). — Three pieces of jewellery presented to Mrs. Pat Nixon and her daughters by Prince Sultan of Saudi Arabia were "unrecorded by the White House Gifts Unit" until nearly two years after they had been received, according to a "Washington Post" columnist.

A White House spokesman in commenting on yesterday's report by Maxine Cheshire said, "All these gifts were registered with the White House Gifts Unit, as all others are registered."

Miss Cheshire did not speculate in her article on the reason the three items had not been recorded for two years or who was responsible for the lapse.

The Gifts Unit is an office which records gifts presented to the President and his family, whether from American citizens or foreigners, regardless of the value of the gifts. Since government office holders are forbidden by the Constitution to accept gifts from foreign governments, such gifts are considered under the law to have been accepted on behalf of the U.S. and to be public property.

Miss Cheshire reported that Mrs. Nixon and her daughters, Julie and Tricia, were given valuable gems "over the last five years by King Faisal and two of his half-brothers." Among the jewellery listed were a diamond bracelet containing a watch given to Mrs. Nixon by Prince Sultan in July 1972, a diamond-and-ruby pin for Julie, and a diamond-and-sapphire pin for Tricia.

Miss Cheshire wrote, "at least a portion of the jewellery — the diamond bracelet and the pins — had gone unrecorded by the White House Gifts Unit for nearly two years until this reporter began making enquiries several months ago."

The article said that White House Counsel J. Fred Buzhardt insists that Mrs. Nixon and her daughters have "never for a minute" considered the jewels to be their own property and they always intended to "turn them over" when the President leaves office. Until then, Buzhardt considers it "perfectly proper" for them to be worn.

Common Market Ministers discussing farm policy visited a cattle shed in Bad Wiessee, Bavaria, during a meeting this week. (AP radiophoto)

Wilson won't ban Bolshoi

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Harold Wilson has turned down a request to bar Russia's Bolshoi Ballet from Britain, a spokesman said yesterday.

Wilson was asked to ban the visit of the dance troupe because the Soviet Government has refused to allow Valery Panov, formerly of Leningrad's Kirov Ballet, to emigrate to Israel with his wife Galina.

The 135-member Bolshoi company is scheduled to begin a six-week season at the London Coliseum on June 12. It was invited by the Sadler Wells Opera Trust, a private organization.

A group of Britons who sympathize with the Panovs' situation, the Committee for the Release of the Panovs', wrote to Wilson urging the government to ban the Bolshoi visit. Equity, the British Actors' Union, also urged the British Government to stop the visit unless the Panovs were allowed to leave the Soviet Union.

But the Prime Minister's private secretary, Lord Bridges, said in a letter to the Panov committee that Wilson was not convinced "we will improve the Panovs' position" by banning the ballet.

On Monday friends of the Panovs in London said they feared for his safety. They said the 35-year-old dancer telephoned early on Monday to tell them he had been summoned to a Leningrad police station later in the day. It was not yet known whether Panov heeded the summons or, if so, what transpired at the station. He said he did not know why he had been summoned, although police had earlier threatened him with arrest for "parasitism" unless he found work.

Panov, formerly a star soloist with Kirov, and his 25-year-old wife, also a ballet dancer, have been hounded by officials for the past two years since they expressed a wish to emigrate to Israel. He is Jewish but his wife is not. Both were dismissed from the Kirov and denied permission to dance professionally in the Soviet Union. Last December 18, Panov was told he could leave but his wife must stay. The official reason was that her mother objected to her departure. The couple refused to be parted.

TWO KILLED PLANTING BOMB IN ULSTER

BELFAST (UPI). — Two Roman Catholics killed in a bomb blast near Dungannon, 56 kms. west of Belfast, were aiming to plant the bomb in the garage where it blew up, police said yesterday.

The deaths on Monday took to 1,018 the toll in nearly five years of Northern Ireland violence confronting majority Protestants, minority Roman Catholics and the British Army.

Other developments yesterday included explosion of a suspected bomb storehouse at Londonderry and discovery of a mortar manufacturing plant at Cushendall, north of Belfast, police said.

Troops defused a booby trap bomb found in the car of Desmond McCartan, member of a mixed Roman Catholic-Protestant family which has had five members assassinated since October, 1972.

After one killing the family was sent a note saying "four down, three to go." Since then a Protestant brother-in-law married to a Roman Catholic McCartan girl was shot to death and Desmond McCartan's 71-year-old mother died of what a doctor called "a broken heart."

Police said capture of the mortar bomb factory was another nail in plans of the Provisional Wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) to launch a "scorched earth" campaign in Belfast. British Prime Minister Harold Wilson told Parliament in London security officials seized the plans over the weekend.

IRA sources yesterday conceded the plans Wilson revealed were genuine but insisted the plans were only provisional for use in case of civil war.

Servan-Schreiber gives backing to Giscard

PARIS. — Front-running presidential candidate Valery Giscard d'Estaing yesterday picked up important — although reluctant — support from Centrist leader Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber.

Servan-Schreiber and a majority of the Radical Party which he heads decided to back conservative Giscard d'Estaing against Socialist Francois Mitterrand in Sunday's run-off for the presidency.

The Centrist leader said he would have preferred to come to an agreement with Mitterrand, but could not endorse the Socialist candidate's plans to nationalise a large sector of private industry.

The Radical Party's decision was a big boost for Giscard d'Estaing because the presidential race is close and is likely to be decided by floating voters.

Servan-Schreiber told a news conference: "I have arrived at the conclusion that the way of reform for the French is through the election of Giscard d'Estaing." He said that 70 per cent of the party would back the 48-year-old Finance Minister and 30 per cent would vote for Mitterrand.

A spokesman for Mitterrand said yesterday that the Libyan News Agency had misquoted the Socialist leader on the Middle East. The spokesman said the agency had quoted Mitterrand as saying in an interview he supported the rights of the Palestinian people and, that, if he were elected, he would "develop French-Arab relations in a new way, and remain faithful to the profound interest linking France to the Arab nation."

The spokesman said Mitterrand had in fact told a news conference that "it is necessary to improve personal and political relations with the Arab world, but this will never go beyond my convictions — these being that this cannot endanger the existence and the right to existence of the people of Israel."

(Reuter, UPI)

Bonn chooses a President today

BONN (Reuter). — West Germany chooses a new head of state today in presidential elections whose outcome appears a foregone conclusion.

The post is virtually certain to go to Mr. Walter Scheel, Foreign Minister in the left-liberal coalition government of former Chancellor Willy Brandt.

At 54, Mr. Scheel will be the youngest President in West German history. He succeeds President Gustav Heinemann, 74, who is retiring on grounds of age.

The only other candidate, Mr. Richard von Weizsaecker, was nominated by the conservative opposition more in an effort to show the flag than in any genuine hope that he could win in today's ballot.

The President will be elected by the Federal Assembly, which is composed of the 518 members of the Lower House, including representatives from West Berlin, plus an equal number of deputies from the local parliaments of West Germany's 10 states. They are delegated in proportion to the strengths of the parties in their states.

Soviet composer applies for visa

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet poet and song-writer Alexander Galich, who has been in official disgrace for more than two years, said yesterday he had applied to emigrate to Israel.

Galich, 55, who was refused permission to visit relatives in the U.S. earlier this year, said he and his wife, Angelina, handed in their documents to the Moscow visa office last Wednesday.

A Jew by nationality, Galich was expelled from the official Writers' Union and Cinema Workers' Union more than two years ago.

He is best-known in the Soviet Union for satirical songs which have never been officially recorded but circulate on tape from hand to hand. His series of Jewish songs is called "By the Rivers of Babylon," and his "Song of the Exodus" he tells how "my hand has grown thin from shaking hands goodbye" of Jews emigrating to Israel.

SOLZHENITSYN AIDE GETS FIVE YEARS

MOSCOW. — Gavriel Superfin, a former researcher for author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, was convicted yesterday of anti-Soviet activities and sentenced to five years in a labour camp, dissident sources reported.

Informants said Superfin, 30, was also given an additional punishment of two years exile to be served in a remote region of the Soviet Union after completing the camp term.

The verdict was handed down after a three-day trial in the city of Oryol, some 320 kms. south of Moscow, the sources said. They added the court dictated the camp sentence would be served in "strict regime" meaning Superfin would be kept on a minimal diet and his mail and visiting privileges would be restricted.

Sources also said that several dozen labour camp internees who declared a hunger strike in support of imprisoned dissenter Vladimir Bukovsky apparently called it off after a few days. Bukovsky, who is said to be seriously ill, declared a hunger strike at the same time. It was not known whether he had called it off or whether the protest had any effect, the sources said.

(AP, Reuter)

Black head for London Council

LONDON (UPI). — Dr. David Pitt, a black, took over as chairman of the Greater London Council — the capital's government — yesterday. He is the first black in the post which administers London's 8.5 million inhabitants.

Pitt, 60, was born in Grenada, West Indies, and founded the West Indian Nationalist Party before settling permanently in Britain where he also took his medical degree.

David Hillman, London artist

LONDON (JTA). — David Hillman, artist and scholar, has died in London. He was 75.

David Hillman was a son of the renowned Dayan Samuel Isaac Hillman and brother of Mrs. Sara Herzog, widow of the Israel Chief Rabbi.

Hillman was a well-known artist especially in stained glass, and a number of synagogues have his windows.

Hussein begins visit to Morocco

RABAT (AP). — King Hussein of Jordan arrived here yesterday from Madrid for what officials called a two-day "working visit" with Moroccan King Hassan II to discuss the Middle East situation. The two kings have long had a close relationship and remain in constant contact.

British defence cuts may increase dependency on U.S. in Med.

LONDON (UPI). — Britain's planned cuts in military spending could increase the American defence burden in South-East Asia and "Nato fringe areas," military sources said yesterday.

Defence Secretary Roy Mason told Parliament on Monday that details of these reductions, which will amount to several hundred million pounds, will be released in a White Paper later this year.

High government officials said the cuts will almost certainly involve a complete British withdrawal from Singapore. Troop reductions also may be made at British bases on Cyprus and Malta, which would increase Europe's already heavy dependence on the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

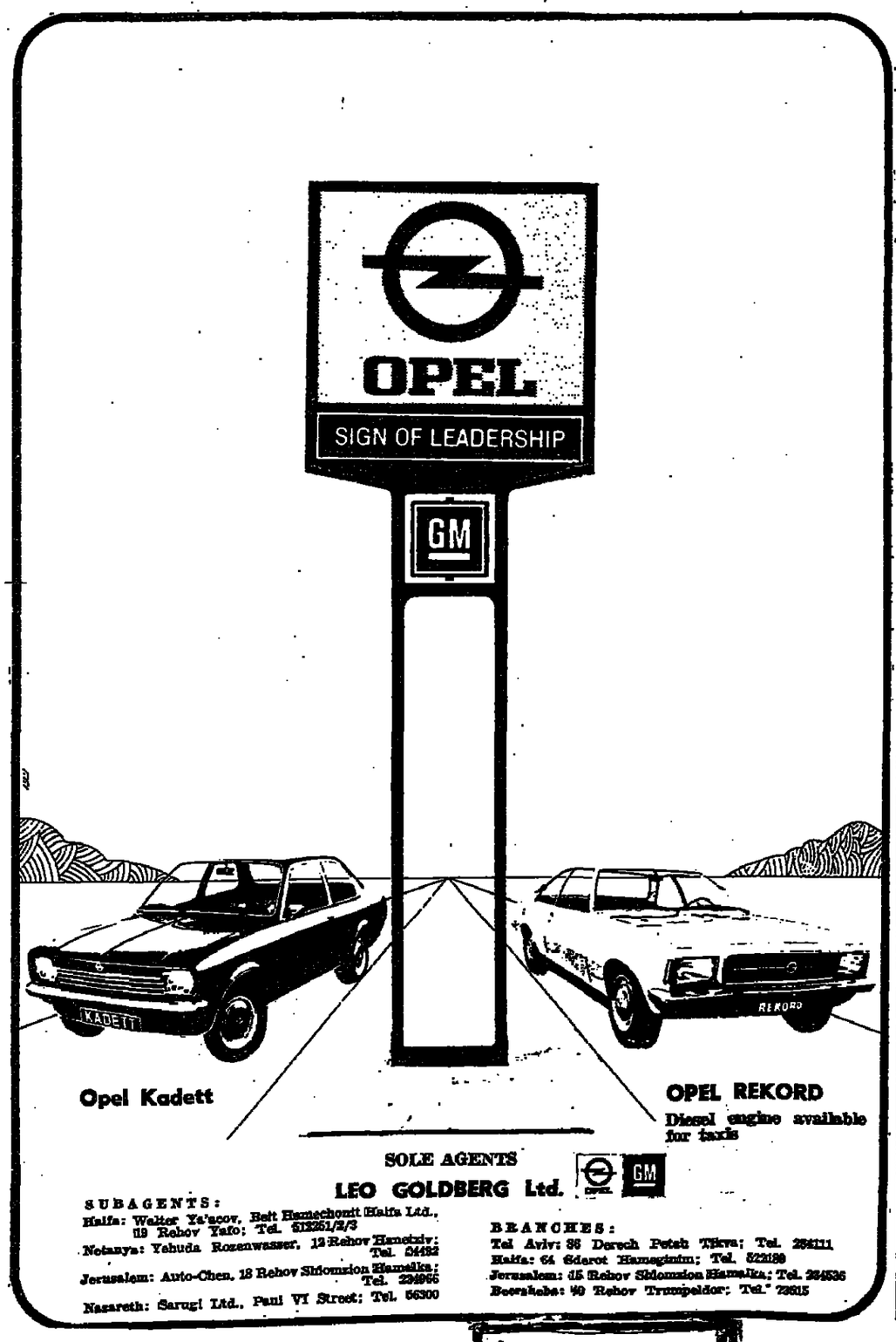
Mason called these reports "pure speculation," but did not deny such moves were being considered.

Military sources said the loss of the Malta base would not be too serious provided the Soviet Union did not move into the vacuum.

A force reduction in Cyprus would be critical. Although established under the Central Treaty Organization (Cento) rather than Nato, the air base maintained by Britain there represents a key element in Nato's defence of the Eastern Mediterranean.

The military sources said equipment cutbacks necessarily involved in any defence spending reduction could also inhibit Britain's role as the prime reaction force to any attack against Nato's northern flank in Norway.

The make-up of Britain's current defence budget reflects this problem. Salaries consumed 47 per cent of the 3.6 billion pounds being spent at a time when the military is trying to develop and bring into service a wide range of weapons systems for defence in the 1980s. Chief among these developments are the controversial through-deck cruiser to replace Britain's last remaining aircraft carrier, due to leave service in 1978, and the multi-role combat aircraft (MRCA) being built by Britain, West Germany and Italy.



GADDAFI AIDE GOES TO MOSCOW

SOVIET - LIBYAN FLIRTATION

TRIPOLI (UPI). — Prime Minister Abdel Salam Jalloud of Libya flew from Tripoli to Moscow yesterday for an official visit. Jalloud, who is leading a delegation of experts on oil, industry, planning, economy and finance, will hold talks with Soviet officials aimed at promoting economic and technical cooperation between the two countries.

Jalloud has described his visit to Moscow as "very important and very special."

In an interview with the Beirut newspaper "Al Shaab," published on Saturday, Jalloud said the visit assumed special significance "because it is taking place in critical conditions in which the Arab world is witnessing a rabid reactionary onslaught, which is no longer a secret to anyone. It is a proof of our interest in opening a dialogue with the Soviet Union."

Libyan leader Col. Gaddafi said in a Beirut newspaper interview recently that the aim of Jalloud's visit is to check the "onslaught by the U.S. and Arab reaction" in the Middle East.

A Belgrade message says that Jalloud, on his way to Moscow, had talks yesterday with Yugoslav Premier Dzemal Bijedic during a brief stopover in the Yugoslav capital.

In a report from London, K.C. Thaler writes: Russia and Libya, each jilted by their key Arab allies, have begun a startling flirtation that spells fresh trouble in the Middle East.

The new development has been highlighted by the Jalloud visit to Moscow, which diplomats say could be followed by a visit of Gaddafi to Moscow.

The Russians, having lost their position in Egypt, have been looking round for new friends in the area to safeguard their hard-won foothold in the Middle East. For one thing they have given Syria new aid, arms and advisers in a bid to secure her friendship.

Past antagonism

Russia and Libya have been fiercely antagonistic to each other in the past. Gaddafi, a devout Moslem who wants the return of the Arab world to the strict laws of the Koran, has all along denounced the Communists and rejected contacts with Moscow.

But, rejected by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who dropped the projected merger of their two countries, ignored by the conservative Arab kingdoms and sheikhdoms and, more recently also jilted by Tunisia, with whom he had planned unification, Gaddafi has begun to look for friends elsewhere. He seems to have set his sights on Moscow.

Lately there have been contacts with Moscow, which responded favourably, evidently sensing new possibilities to extend its role in an otherwise contracting sphere of influence.

Diplomats hinted at Soviet attempts to bring Syria and Libya closer together in a broader hardline front against Israel and the U.S.

So far it is unclear what Libya expects from the Soviet Union, except to spite Sadat. There have been suggestions that Libya may seek Soviet arms, and hints that Moscow would be willing to do business against hard currency.

Libya has been getting arms and planes from France, but is short of trained pilots and other trained crews.

Middle East experts believe Libya may be more interested at present in the political aspects of a rapprochement with Moscow so as to try to upset Sadat's peace strategy.

Gaddafi has been quoted by Middle East sources as saying that relations with Russia could be strengthened despite past criticism of Soviet shortcomings.

In Moscow "Pravda" has hinted at the possibility of closer ties with Libya despite her anti-Soviet and anti-Communist stance in the past.

Sadat told: don't rely too much on U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — Some Egyptians are warning President Anwar Sadat against relying too much on what Henry Kissinger's diplomacy may achieve and also against expecting too much economic aid from the U.S.

"Time" magazine, in a special section on Sadat's reconstruction of Egypt, said the president is being criticized for going too far.

"Time" said that Egypt's spiritual recovery since last October's war with Israel sent Sadat ahead on what he describes as a "liberalization in all fields," meaning a far-reaching political and economic overhaul of Egyptian society.

"His predecessor, Nasser, tried to build Arab socialism by turning the country into a police state... today the concentration camps are empty. Fewer telephones are tapped and the secret police are at least less visible," "Time" added.

Despite subsidies and credits from rich Arab countries, notably Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Egypt's foreign debt is now estimated at seven billion dollars. And "Time" said its foreign payments deficit will probably be the same as last year's — two billion dollars.

"Time" said Sadat is giving top priority to reopening the Suez Canal and rebuilding the shattered cities on the Canal bank. Completion of the Aswan Dam will mean more arable land and electric power, "but Egypt's problems are likely to get worse before they get better," largely because of its continuing population growth.

On this subject, Sadat was quoted in a "Time" interview: "I think our population can be an asset if it is used and trained and educated in the proper way. We must enter the era of technology. We cannot continue being backward or we will perish like the Indians of the U.S."

The liberation of women in an increasingly open society was also credited to Sadat, and "Time" concluded: "One measure of the change that Sadat has already wrought in Egyptian society is that some of his policies are being openly criticized by the intellectual fringe of what is still a very loyal opposition. Some complain that he is abandoning Nasser's vision of Egypt as an Arab socialist community. Others charge that he has built up excessively high hopes based on what Kissinger's diplomacy may achieve, and is risking a bitter backlash. Even American diplomats have gently tried to warn Sadat that U.S. aid may not be forthcoming in quite the amount he expects. Tacitly, Sadat concedes that he has taken a giant risk in staking so much on the U.S. and he says, "if there is no peace, then forget everything I have said."

General strike in India today

NEW DELHI (AP). — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government claimed yesterday it was successfully breaking a seven-day-old national railway strike that has created dissensions in the country's large labour movement.

Militant unions, seeking public support in their confrontation with Mrs. Gandhi, scheduled a one-day general strike throughout India for today.

The main purpose of the national protest — one of the few ever held since independence 27 years ago — was to get Mrs. Gandhi to back down from her hardline posture toward the rail unions.

However, on the eve of the general strike, Mrs. Gandhi's government remained adamant that it would not even resume negotiations with the railwaymen until they returned to work.

Mrs. Gandhi's refusal to compromise came as her government insisted that tens of thousands of railwaymen were reporting for duty again, enabling the railways to move more and more passenger and freight trains.

New probe into murder of Sen. Kennedy urged

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). — Two ballistics experts yesterday told a hearing aimed at reopening the investigation into the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy that two guns could have been fired in the shooting.

The experts said the bullet that killed the Senator and another that injured a bystander in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel here in June, 1968, could have been fired from different guns.

Lowell Bradford, a forensic expert for the San Jose District Attorney's office, and Herbert MacDonnell, director of a forensic sciences laboratory in New York, said they based this on enlarged photographs of the two bullets. The Kennedy bullet had only one canelure, or manufacturer's groove, while the other had two. They asked that the gun used by Kennedy's convicted killer, Sirhan Sirhan, be fired again to clear up the matter.

Los Angeles County Coroner Thomas Noguchi said the bullet which killed Senator Kennedy was fired at point blank range, one to three inches from his head. Eyewitnesses at Sirhan's trial said Sirhan was standing up to several yards away from the Senator.

Findings of yesterday's hearings will be reported to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors next week. One member of the board, Superintendent Baxter Ward, wants the inquiry into Kennedy's death reopened.

Egypt 'opens door' to investment

CAIRO (Reuter). — Egypt's "open door" economic policy has attracted a number of Arab and Western countries to offer economic assistance, loans and joint investment projects, the First Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Abdel Aziz Hegazi, said here.

Dr. Hegazi, speaking to Egyptian reporters on Monday, said the World Bank and Egypt were studying loans offered for various reconstruction and developement projects.

He also said there were investment projects involving Sudan, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. These would include fertiliser, cement and glass factories, petrochemical industries, a maritime cargo fleet in the Red Sea, agricultural development and stock breeding.

'France wants normal ties with Israel'

PARIS (Reuter). — French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert said in an interview published here yesterday that France wanted to normalise its relations with Israel. He also told the Paris newspaper "Le Quotidien" that Europe must be present in drafting a final peace settlement in the Middle East.

"In all my trips in the Middle East, in the Arab countries I have visited, I indicated that henceforth we wished to place our relations with Israel in more normal conditions," Mr. Jobert said.

"I would add that after the October War there has been in Israel a slight but quite evident change of mind... and this, precisely, can facilitate the establishment of decent relations between the two countries."

The French Minister said that when a Middle East settlement came "we shall have a real banquet — and Europe must be there. It must be known that you do not deal with fundamental problems by excluding from the banquet — or at any rate from the meeting — countries representing 250 million inhabitants; I mean, Europe."

Kuwait takes over 60% share in oil company

KUWAIT (Reuter). — Kuwait's Parliament yesterday finally ratified an agreement giving the government a 60 per cent share in the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), the country's major producer, which is owned by British Petroleum and the American Gulf Oil company.

In London yesterday, experts predicted the agreement will add about two or three dollars per barrel to the average price of Kuwaiti oil. With the other Arab states of the Gulf area expected to follow the Kuwaiti example, similar cost increase can be expected for most of the oil flowing from the Middle East.

By taking control of 60 per cent of the Kuwaiti Oil Company, Kuwait has at a stroke deprived the British Petroleum and Gulf Oil of the lion's share of relatively cheap "tax-paid" oil.

Traditionally, oil companies have paid taxes and royalties to the host government which amounted to about 62 per cent of the so-called posted price. At a posted price for Kuwaiti crude oil of about $11.55 a barrel, the actual cost of most of this oil at the point of export was about $7 a barrel.

All the indications are that Kuwait will now ask more than 90 per cent of the posted prices. That is around $10.50 per barrel for its own oil, about $3.50 more than the companies pay for their own oil, industry experts said.

Countries like Japan and Britain, which between them take nearly half of Kuwait's total oil output, will feel the impact first.

Experts calculate that the higher price which Kuwait will charge could add a further £25m. in a year to Britain's oil import bill. For Japan, the added burden is likely to be still bigger.

Italy celebrates after the vote

ROME (Reuter). — Hundreds of thousands of Italians paraded through major cities on Monday night to celebrate an overwhelming referendum vote to retain the country's three-year-old divorce law.

The processions also underlined a stinging defeat for the dominant political party, the Christian Democrats, and the Roman Catholic Church which has left Italy's political future uncertain.

In Rome, crowds carrying torchlights and banners marched significantly to the Porta Pia — a break in the city's walls through which Piedmontese troops entered in 1870 to make Rome, then a Vatican preserve, capital of a unified Italy.

The pro-divorce vote was also a great victory for Italian Communists who campaigned fervently for the retention of the law.

The demonstrators, generally good-humoured, also burnt millions of leaflets which had urged Italians to vote for the abrogation of the divorce law.

Iran executes 12 drug smugglers

TEHERAN (Retuer). — An Army firing squad yesterday executed 12 men convicted by military tribunal of smuggling 12 tons of opium, a government spokesman announced.

This brought to 223 the number of drug smugglers executed since the introduction of a new anti-drug law in Iran in 1970.

Peace moves in Mozambique

Men who may be senior ministers in the new Portuguese Government after Gen. Spinola assumes the presidency today are, left to right; Back row, Avelino Pacheco Goncalves, Communist leader, probable Labour Minister; Francisco Salgado Zenha, Socialist, probable Justice Minister. Centre row, Mario Soares, Socialist, Foreign Affairs; Manuel Rocha, Public Works. Front row, Alvaro Cunhal, Communist, without portfolio; Raoul Rego, Socialist, Information Minister; Adelino da Palma Carlos, Prime Minister. (AP radiophoto)

LOURENCO MARQUES, Mozambique (UPI). — A high level mediator flew to Tanzania yesterday with a peace plan to try to end the 10-year-old Mozambique bush war between Portuguese troops and black guerrillas, Western diplomatic sources said.

White settlers and black workers clashed in the provincial town of Vila Pery during continuing civil unrest, police reports said, and at least one black was killed.

The peace move came after informal contacts earlier this week between visiting Portuguese Chief of Staff Gen. Francisco da Costa Gomes and what he termed Frelimo guerrilla sympathizers.

The diplomatic sources identified the emissary as Jose Machel, brother of Frelimo leader Samora Machel, whose headquarters are in the Tanzanian capital of Dar es Salaam. Jose Machel was recently released from political prison, and last week, together with 19 other former inmates, issued a manifesto in Lourenco Marques calling for "self determination in a very short time, followed by independence for Mozambique."

Thousands of Portuguese troops have been moved into Northern Angola to forestall an expected offensive there by black guerrillas, a military spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman, Commander Jose Martins da Silva, said the high command expected guerrillas belonging to the Front for the National Liberation of Angola (FNLA) to begin their attacks at the end of this month in an attempt to destroy the country's coffee crop and intimidate black workers on white-owned farms in the area.

There are some 65,000 to 70,000 Portuguese troops in Angola currently. The spokesman said several thousand had been moved to the north and northeast of the country to try to blunt the expected insurgent offensive, but did not say exactly how many troops were involved.

General Antonio de Spinola will be installed as Portugal's president today, 20 days after the armed forces overthrew the right-wing regime of President Americo Thomaz, a spokesman for the ruling military junta said yesterday in Lisbon.

Among those present at the afternoon ceremony at Queluz Palace will be Prof. Adelino Palma Carlos, the spokesman said. This appeared to confirm unofficial reports that the 69-year-old non-party liberal law professor would be named prime minister to succeed Marcello Caetano who was toppled in the April 25 coup.

The new military regime has said the provisional government will serve until presidential and parliamentary elections have been held one year after the coup.

The spokesman said Spinola, 64, "will not be sworn in but will assume the duties." He said this in response to a question about who would hand Spinola the office.

The spokesman said General Costa Gomes was to return yesterday to Lisbon from Mozambique and would report on his trip in a television speech.

SPECULATION AS PREMIER MISSES EVENTS

Chou En-lai mystery deepens

HONGKONG (UPI). — The end of an era may be near in China. There are signs that Premier Chou En-lai, who has been the only Premier in the 25-year history of the People's Republic, may be stepping aside.

It is too early to draw any firm conclusions about Chou's failure to appear at recent events in Peking for visiting state guests, but there is mounting speculation — and some evidence — that he may be withdrawing in favour of a collective leadership.

Whether the apparent withdrawal is entirely voluntary or partially forced is a matter of debate among China analysts here and in Peking. It probably is a mixture of both.

When foreign correspondents visiting China used to ask Chinese officials about the fate of deposed President Liu Shao-chi, the standard reply was that he was "politically dead."

Chou, however, may be only "politically ill," and the reason is not only old age.

When Chou failed to appear at a banquet for visiting Senegalese President Leopold Senghor early this month, it fanned speculation that it was because he had been a prime target of attack in China's current political struggle.

The clash revolves around a campaign, launched early this year, against the ancient sage Confucius and Lin Piao, the former Defence Minister who died in an air crash after an alleged plot to kill Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung and seize power in 1971.

Premier Chou

One of the most hotly debated issues among China specialists is whether attacks on Confucius were really intended for Chou. Many analysts believe they were.

When Chou did not attend the Senghor banquet, officials rejected speculation there were political reasons. They said he was just tired. Old age — he is 75 — was affecting him, and he could not continue to maintain the hectic pace of the past, they said.

Less than a week later, Chou was not present at the airport to greet another state guest, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto of Pakistan. Chou went to the guest house to meet Bhutto shortly after his arrival. He also participated in some talks with Bhutto and attended the Pakistani leader's meeting with Mao. But he missed both the welcome and farewell banquets as well as some of the political talks.

When he went to the guest house instead of the airport — his usual greeting place for visiting leaders — Chou repeated the explanation his subordinates had given earlier — that age was the problem. "I am not well because I am old," Chou told Bhutto, joking about speculative dispatches written by correspondents covering China.

But old age is an affliction of many of the top Chinese leaders. Mao is 80. Of the 24 members of the party's powerful Political Bureau, two are 88 and one is 82. Two more are Chou's age. And the two Politburo men who seem to be taking over more and more of Chou's functions — Vice-Premiers Teng Hsiao-ping and Li Hsien-nien — are 70.

Chou's absence from events at which he normally plays the leading role is not the only reason many analysts think he is moving aside. One other reason is the increasing attacks on some of his key policies by some of his political rivals. Such policies include rapproachement with the U.S. and Japan, China's increasing reliance on foreign capitalist technology, a moderate course in foreign affairs and more pragmatic domestic policies, particularly in the economic area.

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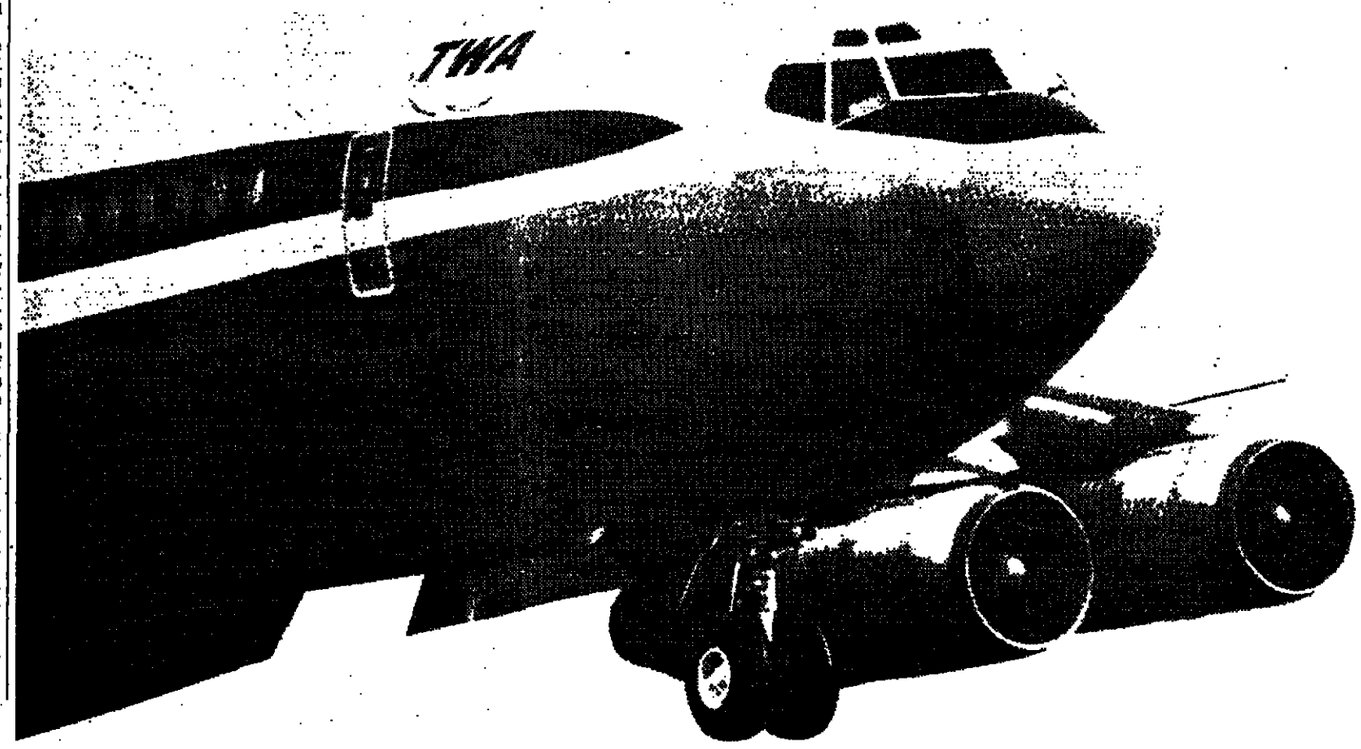


An epidemic of falling governments

By William Ryan
New York

THE year isn't half over and already it's made its mark in history by producing a startling epidemic of falling governments, and presages agonizing uncertainties for the months ahead.

Only last week West Germany, Canada and Iceland joined an ever-growing political "uproar club" wherein any leader in trouble finds he has lots of company.

France, about to shed its Gaullist shell after 15 years... England...West Germany... India... Australia... almost any place one looks at in the advanced world, government leaders are experiencing the sharp pain of political hot water.

The oriental calendar makes this the "Year of the Tiger," but there are fewer tigers than goats in leadership positions. Throw darts at a map and it would be difficult to hit a spot where leaders aren't having perplexing difficulties as the advanced nations seem to act less advanced all the time.

The year began with big trouble for lots of them. It began with a widespread energy crisis compounded by many other things, including monetary and inflation crises. Indeed, inflation and its spinoff of economic and political problems are behind a huge share of the advanced world's common difficulties.

The universality of the trouble and a look of widespread instability in the non-Communist world might leave a surface impression that the Communist nations are the only ones who now enjoy political peace, but the totalitarian idea prevents Red governments from falling. Still, when it comes to trouble, they manage to gather their share. China has its resurgent cultural revolution threatening to engulf swarms of Communists. The Soviet Union has political and economic jitters as it worries about a shakily based foreign policy.

Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau fell last week because of economic difficulties, and the nation must have a general election on July 8.

West Germany is in a dither over Chancellor Willy Brandt's resignation, because he unwittingly had a Communist spy in his office, and the scandal has repercussions that echo in Washington and Moscow and may place the fate of the East-West detente in the balance.

Uncertainty radiates from West Germany through the European Common Market, already burdened with more than enough of that commodity. Some of the uncertainty comes from France, waiting a second round of elections for the late President Pompidou's successor. Europe wonders what comes after the sunset of Gaullism.

Italy's government fell in March and Premier Mariano Rumor formed the nation's 36th government since World War II. But causes of the last crisis remain: soaring costs of living, weak currency, rampant strikes.

Britain's Conservative cabinet fell in March. A Labour regime succeeded it and is having manifold troubles with the economy as a steady diet, varied by occasional touches of violence imported from northern Ireland.

Iceland's Premier this week suddenly dissolved Parliament as the leftist government struggled with opposition pressures.

Denmark's minority liberal government teeters on the brink of doom in the backwash of economic issues that have aroused worker unrest. At the weekend it got only a short-term reprieve in a parliamentary confidence vote.

Belgium had general elections in March, intended to resolve a crisis. The result was inconclusive and the nation is run now by a shaky centre-right minority that seems fragile.

Portuguese upheaval

Portugal has just seen its 40-year-old dictatorship overthrown and her future is heavily clouded.

Spinoff from Portugal worries neighbour Spain's Franco dictatorship. Students in Madrid, evidently inspired by the Portuguese military coup, have turned restive and taken to demonstrations.

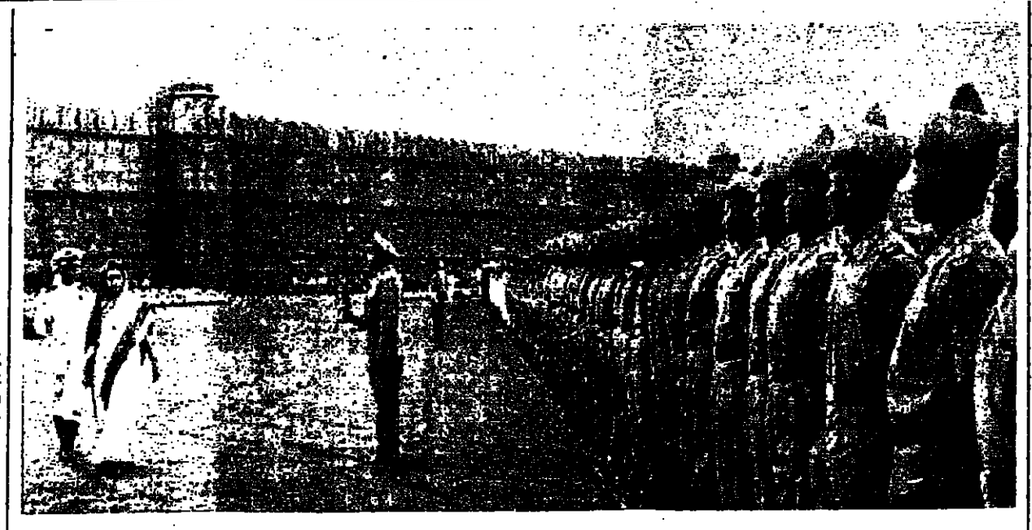
The Portuguese upheaval also sent shockwaves to Africa where rebels in Portugal's huge colonies make guerrilla war.

A massive rail strike in India threatens an already wobbly economy and rocks Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government.

Australia's Parliament has just been dissolved. The nation votes next Saturday 18 for another. That crisis results from Prime Minister Gough Whitlam's battle against opposition attempts to scuttle his Labour Party's legislative programme.

In the Middle East, Israel's Premier Golda Meir quit in March. Efforts are in progress to patch together a new coaliton.

Almost everybody in the "advanced" world, it would seem is in some sort of trouble. It's become a politician's cliche to note that while his nation might have economic woes, the whole world is in the same boat these days. Constituents find that notion small consolation, and their impatience poses yet another political problem for the leaders. *(AP)*



Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi inspecting her troops.

INDIRA IS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE

Indira Gandhi is facing her first serious challenge from political foes on both the right and the left, writes The Jerusalem Post Correspondent in New Delhi, Trevor Drieberg.

PRIME Minister Indira Gandhi has declared war on the "politics of disruption." That is how she describes her aggressive foes on the right and the left, both within and outside the ruling Congress Party. For the first time since she gained absolute control of the party four and a half years ago by tossing out the older generation of Congress leaders, on whom her father Jawaharlal Nehru had leaned for support, she is facing a serious challenge to her leadership of the Indian nation.

She has been caught simultaneously in a crossfire from the right and the left, and the aim of her enemies seems to be nothing less than to pull her down from the pedestal of power. Both right and left are taking advantage of what Mrs. Gandhi herself describes as the "exceptionally severe economic challenge" confronting the country. Both are capitalising on the wave of unrest sweeping the country as the necessities of life become dearer and scarcer and the picture of the economy generally becomes gloomier.

New opposition

Among the crucial developments which spell plenty of trouble for the harassed Prime Minister in the coming months is the formation last month of a new opposition party in New Delhi. With the exception of the Samyukta (United Socialist Party) its constituents are all strongly conservative groupings.

One of the rightist groupings which has taken shape in New Delhi is the Jana Tantra Samaj (Society of Citizens for Democracy). Its binding force is Jayaprakash Narayan, 72, once a prominent figure in the *Congress Party*.

"JP" had a very large following among radical Congressmen in the struggle for independence, and at one time was even considered a rival of Nehru for the leadership of the party. Deeply influenced by Mahatma Gandhi, Narayan quit conventional politics for Sarvodaya (social service) in the early 1950s. Since then he has been active on the fringe of national politics, stepping up his participation when the nation is in crisis.

The new organisation Narayan has fathered aims at preserving democratic values and weeding out corruption in public life. Its founder considers the threat to Indian democracy as well as the steady falling off in public standards primarily the results of Mrs. Gandhi's political mismanagement. But Narayan shies away from setting up his own political party to fight her, at any rate immediately.

Narayan is the only Indian politician who is widely enough known to become the focus of a national campaign directed against the Prime Minister, and this makes the movement he has launched a force for the group in power in New Delhi to reckon with. His supporters are spreading the word that he intends standing for president of the Indian Union next August. Narayan has denied this, but there are signs of a concerted effort to persuade him to contest this office as a first step to bringing about Mrs. Gandhi's undoing.

Narayan for President

Whether Narayan stands for the presidency or not, the Prime Minister's opponents are planning to make the presidential election a political test for her. With her large majority in Parliament and in most of the state legislatures her nominee for the office should win — if the Congress ranks hold fast behind her. Whether they will do so when the rightwing pressures build up against her, particularly in worsening economic conditions, is a question worrying some of her party lieutenants.

The Indian left, such as it is, is also mobilizing in alarm and despair at what they see as Mrs. Gandhi's increasing tilt towards the right.

Deep in their hearts, however, the Communist leaders feel that the Congress Party, representing a coalition of elitist sections of Indian society, is beyond cure — even by the charismatic touch of the Prime Minister.

NO ONE TO DRIVE THE DAGGER HOME

Enter Brutus, on the White House steps

By Joseph Kraft
Washington

THIS city is alive with talk of plans and plots to push the President out and the Vice-President in. But on examination, all the scenarios for the painless deposition of Mr. Nixon dissolve into mere rumour and speculation. There is, in other words, a good deal less going on than meets the ear.

Everybody's favourite scenario provides that a group of senior Republicans go to the White House and tell the President that, for the good of the Party and the office and the country, he has to step down. Sen. Barry Goldwater and former Defence Secretary Melvin Laird are usually cast as the top-players in that enterprise.

No guts

Sen. Goldwater, to be sure, was conspicuously forthright in condemning the early phases of the Watergate coverup. Privately he has indicated to several colleagues his belief that President Nixon is deeply involved. But the Senator's most recent statements — to the effect that Mr. Nixon might resign if impeachment was voted by the House and that the President would himself know when the time was ripe for resignation — bear the marks of a man backing away from responsibility. While Sen. Goldwater seems to enjoy being regarded as the man who holds the dagger, he doesn't have the stomach to drive the blade home.

Mr. Laird is probably the leading political strategist in Washington, and he has the widest range of connections in the Republican Party. But he and his friends have been doing fine just by occupying the territory which Mr. Nixon keeps abandoning.

In that way Gerald Ford, a principal Laird intimate, became Vice-President. Another Laird intimate, John Rhodes of Arizona, took Ford's place as House Minority Leader. A third friend, former Congressman Robert Ellsworth, is moving into a key position in the Pentagon.

In addition, Mr. Laird and his friends have, of course, taken their distances from Mr. Nixon. But Mr. Ford the other day disparaged the lack of moral tone evinced in the White House transcripts.

Congressman Rhodes has said that the President might consider resigning, and that the Republican Party would fare better this November if Mr. Ford were at the helm. Mr. Laird himself, even during a stint in the White House, let everybody know that he was critical of the way the President had handled Watergate.

Apart from that opportunistic posture, however, Mr. Laird and his friends are not moving. Nor is the rest of the Republican Party. Indeed it is worth noting that of the Republican Senators who have recently roasted Mr. Nixon, Minority Leader High Scott had previously taken a position of support which looked ridiculous, while Schweiker of Pennsylvania, Young of North Dakota and Cook of Kentucky are all up for re-election.

A second set of rumours has the President making a deal to avoid prosecution, and then resigning. But it is virtually unthinkable that Federal authorities, whether Democratic or Republican, would prosecute the President once he had resigned. It seems doubtful that State prosecutions, or civil suits against Mr. Nixon, would be upheld. Even if Mr. Nixon needed such protection, it would be very hard, constitutionally, to give him immunity.

The one deal which the President could reasonably cut involves his leading associates. A significant barrier to resignation is that, with the President stepping down, former White House aides and Cabinet Members might feel free to tell what they know.

Thus Mr. Nixon, before resigning, might want to take all the responsibility upon his own shoulders, and arrange with special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski for the dropping of charges against former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman. That would provide an honourable way for Mr. Nixon to go. It would also assure that the men who could tell all about every detail of Watergate would have a continuing incentive not to talk.

Agonies

But even such a deal raises big problems. Can the Special Prosecutor legitimately quash cases which are set for jury trial? What about the impact on those who have already pleaded guilty, or even served time, on Watergate offences?

In any case, no steps have been taken along these lines by anybody in authority. Indeed, judging by the release of the transcripts, Mr. Nixon doesn't care what happens to those who served him in the past. He and the self-promoters who now surround him in the White House are prepared to put the country through the agonies of an impeachment process. Despite all the talk, nobody has yet figured out how to manage a softer landing.

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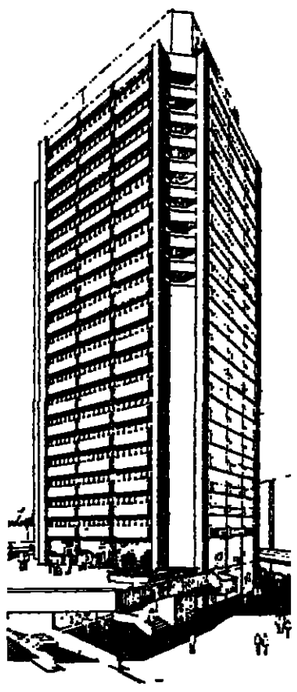

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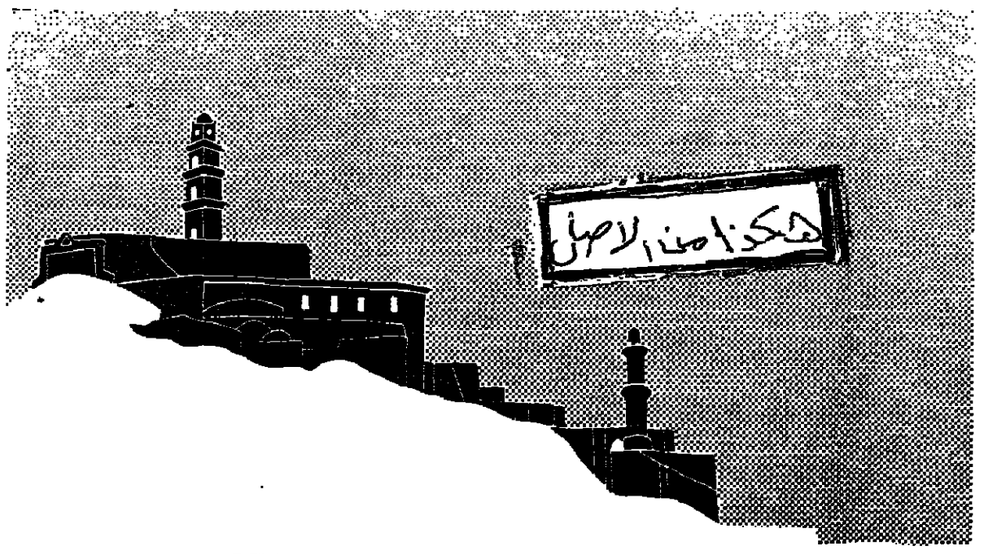

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A monotony of Mafia

At the Cinema

Honor thy Father (Tel Aviv), based on Gay Talese's best-seller, deals with the American "Mafia war" of the late 'sixties when the two leading factions vied with one another for power and one succeeded in nearly wiping out the other, thus saving the police a good deal of trouble.

The film is mainly concerned with the family of Joseph Bonanno, known as "Joe Bananas" (Raf Vallone) and, as the title indicates, one of its aims is to show the part family loyalty plays in Mafia affairs. When Joe is captured by the rival group his son, Salvatore (Joseph Bologna), has to take over the family leadership. He does this very unwillingly, but his relationship with his father makes it impossible even to think of refusing. Loyalty is certainly an admirable trait but it is difficult to work up sympathy for a member of the Mafia.

Since "The Godfather," any film about the Mafia is a letdown and in this picture the characterisation is thin and, although there is plenty of action, there is not much tension; in fact, the constant shoot-outs become rather monotonous.

Paul Wendkos has directed with emphasis on the close-up and one ends by being irritated by all those big faces looming out of the screen. Brenda Vaccaro, however, gives a credible portrayal of Salvatore's wife harassed by and resentful of the position she is placed in and unable to tell her children what their father really works at, and there is a rather interesting character in fat Frank (Richard S. Castellano) who whiles away his free time in reading Sartre and, a chain smoker, finds his end through bronchitis or maybe lung cancer and not through a foe's bullet.

Chills the blood

You'll Like my Mother (Allenby, Tel Aviv) is a "terror and suspense" film and in spite of many implausibilities, does chill the blood.

Francesca, a pregnant young widow (Patty Duke, who starred in "The Miracle Worker") goes to visit her mother-in-law whom she has never seen. In a lonely house, which becomes even more isolated by a snowstorm, also lives Kathleen, a retarded teenager (Sian Barbara Allen). On a wall there is a portrait of a cousin of her late husband who, Francesca later learns, is wanted for rape and murder. As for the mother-in-law (Rosemary Murphy) as soon as she appears it is clear she is a very sinister character.

As the chief element in the film is surprise and nasty surprise at that, more of the plot cannot be recounted. The acting is in general adequate with Sian Barbara Allen particularly convincing as the retarded girl. The suspense is not quite empty as there is some healthy, human impulse in the picture.

S.W.

A very iffy proposition

BRIDGE

By George Levinrew

Mrs. Shobek
North
♠ A Q 5 4
♡ A 9 6 3
◇ 8 2
♣ 10 5 4

Barish
West
♠ 9
♡ 8 5 2
◇ J 10 6 3
♣ K Q 8 3 2

Mrs. Barish
East
♠ K J 8 2
♡ Q 7 4
◇ Q 9 4
♣ J 7 6

Levinrew
South (D)
♠ 10 7 6 3
♡ K J 10
◇ A K 7 5
♣ A 9

THERE is an aura of uncertainty in many deals. In today's deal played in a Jerusalem rubber bridge game, as South I opened with 1 NT, 13-15 high card points, and my partner made the Stayman bid of 2 ♣. I rebid 2 ♠; partner said 3 ♠; so with a maximum I ventured 4 ♠ despite the crummy trump suit.

The ♣ K was the opening lead and I tried to count. It was so much an iffy proposition. If the ♠ K were with West, and if the spades split 3-2, I could win four ♠ tricks including a ruff. I had two sure ◇ tricks, one sure ♣ trick, and if there were enough time I could make three ♡ tricks.

I tried to double check by counting losers. I might lose two spades, surely a ♣, and possibly a ♡. And there were two extra diamonds. One could be ruffed in dummy and one could be discarded on the fourth ♡.

I won the first trick with the ♣ A. I had to tackle spades, and led to the Q which was taken by the K. Now my hope hinged on the ♠ J having been a doubleton. The defence won a ♣ and forced me to ruff a ♣. I then led to the ♠ A and learned the bad news.

But maybe there was a way out of the dilemma. If I could only make the now solitary ♠ 10 a sure trick despite the J 8 in the East hand! There was a way. It required that East started with a 4-3-3-3 distribution, that this include the ♡ Q, that there be only two cards left to play with North and South each holding a ♠, and that dummy have also the 13th ♡ and be on lead.

And so it was. I played off the ◇ A and K and ruffed a ◇. I led a ♡ from dummy winning the trick with the J, won a trick with the ♡ K and led a ♡ to the Ace. There was no longer uncertainty. The lead of the last ♡ meant that I must make the ♠ 10 "en passant." The contract was made.

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A female 'Jewish Billy Graham'

Winning Jews back to Judaism

By DIANA LERNER

A GROUP of 60 neighbours in a Long Island suburb have a special bond between them. They are in their mid-thirties, most are of Jewish background and are married to Christians. They have started a new sect: the Hebrew Christian Fellowship. On Passover, they broke Matza together, and drank wine in a toast to Messiah Jesus.

In another part of the United States, a veteran Zionist was appalled recently to learn that the $100 cheque he had sent as a gift to his son, a University student, had gone to the cause of the Palestinian terrorists.

Another good Jewish parent found her 19-year-old daughter had gone off to join the Krishna followers.

It is such incidents that have been multiplying throughout the U.S., says a Long Island Orthodox Rabbi's wife, Esther Jungreis, which prompted her to start her Jewish revival movement: "Hineni." (I am here.) Its aim, she says, is to bring Jewish youth who have been seduced by drugs, mysticism, fringe religions and also the Jesus movement and even Arab terrorism back to the study and practice of Judaism.

Now, the 38-year-old Rebbetzin is bringing a group of Hineni followers on "a spiritual adventure" to Israel while planning also to bring her message not on "Who is a Jew," but how to be one, to Israel's youth, even in the army camps. The Israel visit, starting May 29, will bring new impetus to Hineni, she hopes.

Survivor of two concentration camps, the good-looking mother of four, whom the American press calls a Jewish Billy Graham, has been projecting herself on American University campuses, public platforms, radio and TV with a call to Jews to return to their Jewish roots. She won her first followers from among the readers of her weekly Bible commentary in the "Jewish Press" of Brooklyn. Then followed a public rally at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum where she drew an overflow crowd of over 8,000, and more recently at Miami Beach, where wildly excited audiences responded to her emotionally packed declamation of Jewish history ending with a plea to "save Jews from spiritual suicide and provide Jewish youth with the spirituality they seek."

Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis

Charisma

"She has charisma," "She turns me on," audiences remark.

Esther Jungreis accompanies her dramatic presentations with rock and soul music and hands out literature written by herself and Hineni's Executive Director, Barbara Janov, formerly head of the Department of Jewish Studies at Queens College. Mrs. Janov, wife of a gynaecologist and also the mother of four, maintains she became religious after meeting the Rebbetzin.

Among Hineni's public events are the "Shabbaton" weekends at resorts catering to a Jewish clientele. In a come-one, come-all call to students, adults, married couples and singles, the Rebbetzin announces "An Encounter in Living Judaism" for the entire family. Besides an Oneg Shabbat, lectures run the gamut from Jewish purity according to the Shulhan Arukh to a discourse on Women's Lib and the Jewish Tradition or Answers to the Jesus Movement.

Supporters of the movement include Orthodox rabbis who say: "Esther speaks the language of today and knows how to reach our youth. Members of her Bible class as well as unoriented Jews come away from her lectures "converted."

Hotline

Hineni hopes to sponsor courses in Judaism at American colleges: Bible study circles, storefront and walk-in centres of Judaism and a hotline to answer questions of Jewish faith.

Rebbetzin Jungreis' publications combine Jewish ethics and American advertising slogans: "A New You" is a treatise on repentance from sin and return to faith: "A Day to Turn On" — about the observance of the Sabbath, "Why I Should Marry a Jew" is the Rebbetzin's answer to a reader of her column with a problem of intermarriage; "Diet for the Soul" expounds the principle of Kashrut; "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Jesus but Were Afraid to Ask" attempts to refute some of the distortions of history.

If you ask the Rebbetzin about the source of funds to finance her movement, she raises her hands to heaven and says: "G-d provides."

PREDOMINANT JEWISH CONCERN SAID TO BE ISRAEL

The belief in a 'Jewish vote' is a force in French politics

INTEREST in the French Presidential elections extends far beyond the borders of France, and the outcome is a matter of widespread international significance.

In countries with a Jewish population of any size it generally takes time to assess in depth the way Jewish votes go, and it is therefore timely to consider an analysis of Jewish reactions to last year's French election which has appeared in "Midstream." The author is Bernard Wasserstein, a research fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.

He notes first three traumatic events which have shaped the identity of French Jewry over recent decades. The first was the Holocaust which reduced the Jewish population of France from 300,000 to 180,000 in 1945. One effect was the obliteration of certain internal distinctions (Ashkenazim and Sephardim, Yiddish-speakers and Francophones) which had been a factor in pre-war French Jewry. The second trauma was the North African immigration — and especially that from Algeria in 1961-2. The Jewish community of France was doubled in size, and its character transformed. By 1967, French Jewry numbered 500,000, of whom 300,000 lived in the Paris region. The North African element brought new weight and vigour to the community as a whole. The third traumatic event was the Six Day War which probably had a more galvanising effect in France than on any other Western Jewry. The identification with Israel was only heightened by De Gaulle's pro-Arab orientation and by the unfortunate remarks he made about Jews at his famous November, 1967 press conference. The shock of 1967 drew in large numbers of the peripheral, uncommitted Jews.

All these events weakened the forces of assimilationism and brought out a self-confidence among French Jews. There is no longer the insecure passivity felt early in the century, or the overloud protestations of French patriotism. Moreover, opinion surveys show that Frenchmen generally accept as natural and legitimate the link between French Jews and the State of Israel. All this has led — for the first time in French politics — to a Jewish interest of recognised legitimacy, like that in the U.S. This is expressed by the perception and articulation of specific Jewish issues; by attempts by political parties to cater to the Jewish interest; and by the power of Jewish votes.

Wasserstein suggests that the actions of the political parties during the 1973 *elections indicate a* greatly exaggerated regard for the power of the Jewish vote. The strength of the Jewish vote as an expression of the Jewish interest depends not only on its size but on other factors such as its geographical distribution and the extent to which it votes as a bloc (compare the Jewish vote in the U.S.). In France, the geographical element exists — in that the Jews are an urban population, especially concentrated in large towns.

It is doubtful whether Jews vote as a bloc, and probably no single party in recent years received more than 50 per cent of Jewish votes.

Geoffrey Wigoder's JEWISH SCENE

The variegated composition of French Jewry has led to voting patterns favouring several parties. After 1945, Alsatian Jews tended to vote for De Gaulle as the saviour of France, while the Yiddish-speaking artisans of Paris tended to vote Communist. More recently Jewish voters seem to have been turning toward the left-centre position. But there is always the potentiality of a Jewish bloc. In 1973, one Minister said that 40 constituencies could be decided by the Jewish vote — and, whether *myth or reality*, the belief in the Jewish vote has a force of its own. Although some Jewish leaders came out against trying to develop a Jewish voting bloc, most of the community felt that the Jews were fully justified in trying to determine their own interests.

Question of Israel

In defining issues of Jewish concern, the question of Israel and French Middle East policy is far and away predominant. The attitude of the government and of the Communists (via U.S.S.R.) is an important factor in deflecting Jewish votes to the Socialists and Centrists. Another issue that looms large is Russia's treatment of its Jews, which further turns Jews off from the Communist Party. Internal issues of Jewish interest are of minor impact (except, in a few areas, the question of state aid to denominational schools).

The only political group in the 1973 elections which refused to make any specific effort to win over Jewish support was the extreme left fringe. Although a disproportionate number of its leaders are of Jewish origin (attracted by its *apparent universalism), its embracing* of the cause of the Palestinian Arabs put it out of the picture for making any direct Jewish appeal. The Communists, on the other hand, courted Jewish support. The Communist spokesmen put "a honeyed interpretation" on matters of Jewish concern (Middle East, Soviet Jewish emigration) and channelled special propaganda through the press and through Yiddish wall posters in Jewish neighbourhoods (even those where only North African Jews lived). In one or two constituencies, these may have succeeded in consolidating Jewish left-wing votes behind Communist candidates opposing Gaullists on the second ballot. But in general, the Communist Party failed to present itself convincingly as a challenger for the Jewish vote (one leading Jew of East European origin characterised the second ballot between Communists and Gaullists as "a *choice between typhus and* cholera").

The Socialists appear to have gained Jewish votes, probably at the expense of the Communists. Mitterrand's expression of friendship for Israel and his hostility to Soviet Jewish policy won him Jewish support. However, the Socialist position had elements of weakness — notably the alliance with the Communists and the existence of a small pro-Arab faction within the Socialist ranks. Nevertheless, the Socialists were successful in projecting the party not merely as favourable to the Jewish interest but as its natural representative. This was their main advantage over the Centrists who in terms of policy might be in fact even closer to the Jewish interest. The Centrists certainly won some Jewish votes from the Gaullists but they too had their weaknesses — including their identification with the Catholic Church. A number of smaller groups also campaigned strongly for support from the Jews but they — even more than the Centrists — were vulnerable to the criticism that, whatever their personal sympathies, they had provided no really tangible proof that they could persuade the government to lift its arms embargo *on Israel or impose it on* Libya or change its other policies slanted against Israel.

Wasserstein concludes by noting the surprising change of attitude of the far right — mainly a result of the Algerian war. Former anti-Semites now go out of their way to proclaim their solidarity with Israel. And other rightists, not tainted with anti-Semitism, have shown they can earn Jewish support (an outstanding instance is Jacques Soustelle). And despite the Gaullist victory, the Jewish interest emerged from the 1973 elections stronger, with the Jews displaying an en*hanced self-awareness, solidarity* and confidence which is doubtless again being manifested in the current election.

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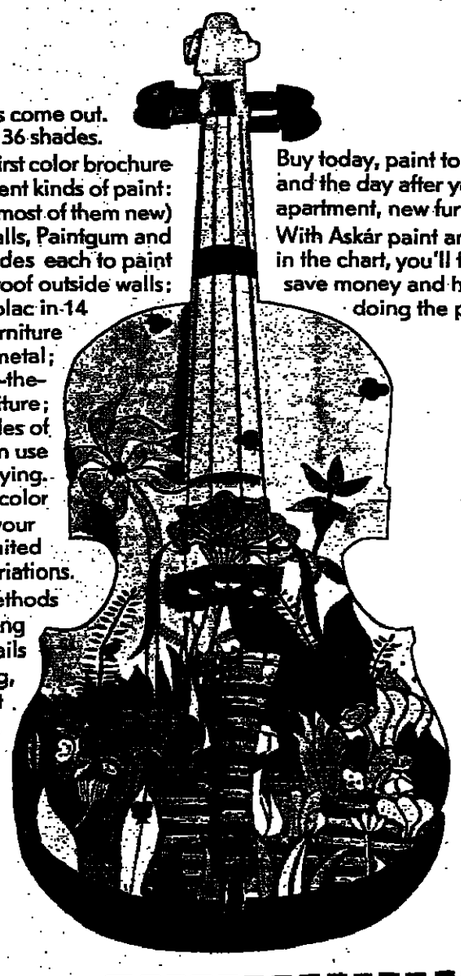

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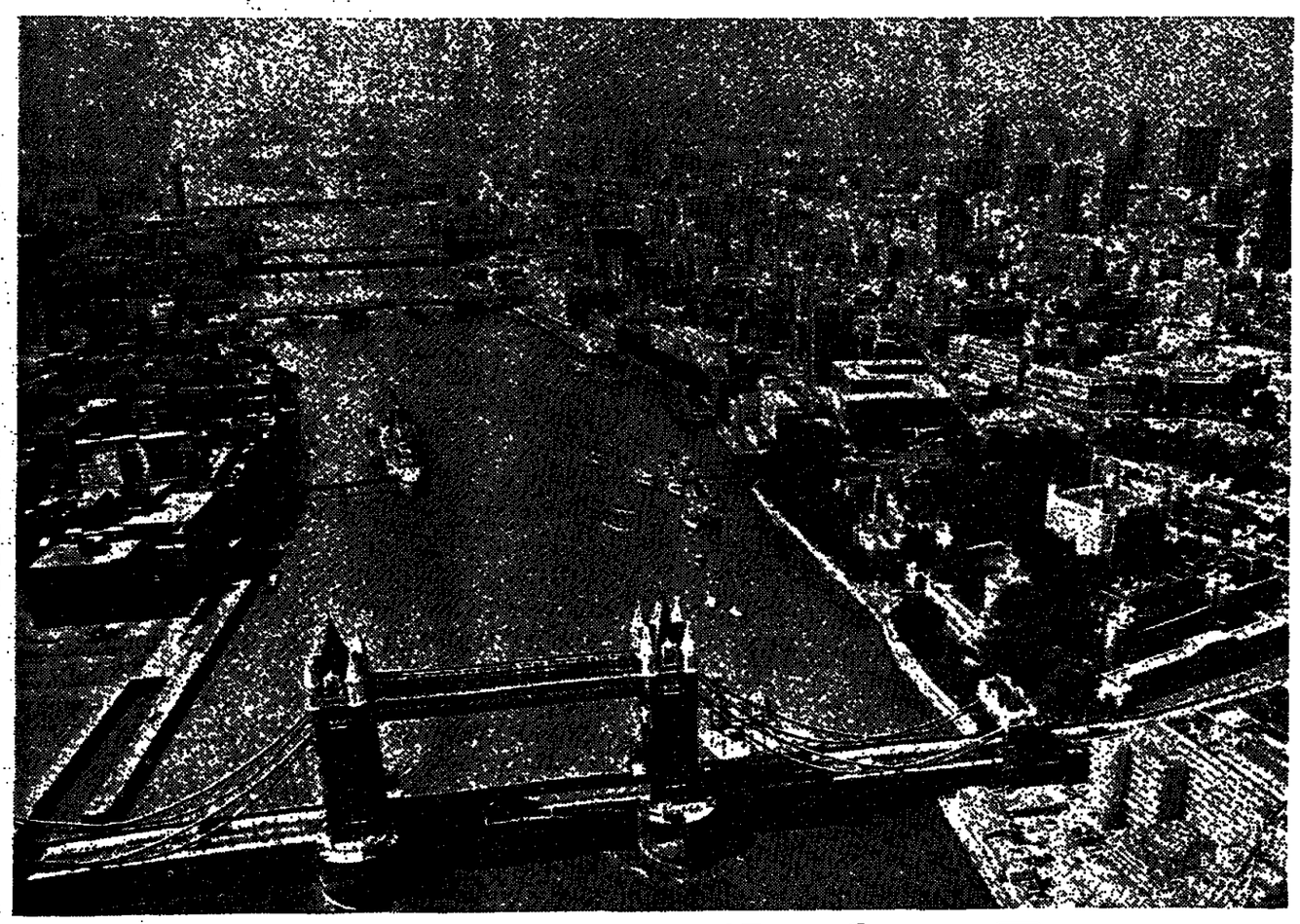

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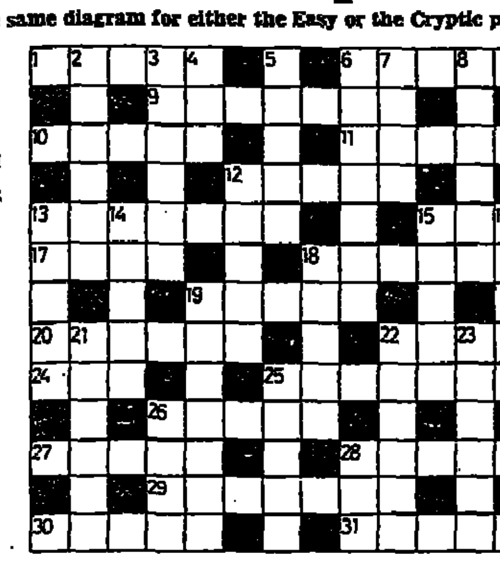

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Intense (5)
6 Uncanny (5)
9 Illness (7)
10 Writhe (5)
11 Doctrine (5)
12 Criminal (5)
13 American politician (7)
15 Together with (3)
17 Spoken (4)
18 Annoy (6)
19 Rebuke (5)
20 Ask (6)
22 Lose colour (4)
24 Female rabbit (3)
25 Studies closely (7)
26 Stiff (5)
27 Giant (5)
28 Sea-birds (5)
29 Get better (7)
30 Honoured (5)
31 Gay (5)

DOWN
2 Cable (6)
3 Scamp (6)
4 Mine (3)
5 Traffic-light colour (5)
6 Gifted (7)
7 Famous school (4)
8 Secure against infection (6)
12 Strength (5)
13 Not hollow (5)
14 Artless (5)
15 Book of maps (5)
16 Removes moisture (5)
18 Wielded (5)
19 Marked (7)
21 Observe (6)
22 Time to come (6)
23 Distributor (6)
25 Turning point (5)
26 Unusual (4)
28 Precious stone (3)

Monday's Easy solution
ACROSS.—3. Brush. 8. Nacre. 10. Cadet. 11. Woo. 12. Minor. 13. Insulin. 15. Recur. 18. Beg. 19. Remote. 21. Alarmed. 22. Home. 23. Well. 24. Incisor. 26. Assent. 29. Tar. 31. Fleas. 32. Capstan. 34. Stool. 35. Ton. 36. Agree. 37. Geese. 38. Spots.
DOWN.—1. Pawns. 2. Trouble. 4. Ruin. 5. Scored. 6. Harem. 7. Debut. 9. Cos. 12. Migrant. 14. Lea. 16. Cower. 17. Reply. 19. Rental. 20. Sheaf. 21. Amaze. 23. Worsted. 24. Instep. 25. Sap. 27. Stags. 28. Eases. 30. Manse. 32. Colt. 33. Toe.

Monday's Cryptic solution
ACROSS.—3. Shoot. 8. Lewis. 10. Folly. 11. Nap. 12. Jiffy. 13. Dog-star. 15. Deans. 18. Tom(Tom). 19. Sadist. 21. Penalty. 22. Hear. 23. Nell. 24. Scarred. 26. Red Sea. 29. Lot. 31. Train. 32. Set-back. 34. Night. 35. Air. 36. Bing-O. 37. Elder. 38. Error.
DOWN. — 1. Ten-O-r. 2. Tipster. 4. Hair. 5. Off-day. 6. Toyed. 7. CL-ans. 9. Wag. 12. Jamaica. 14. T-on. 16. Ai-r-ed. 17. Still. 19. Starlet. 20. Shirt. 21. Panda. 23. Netball. 24. Senior. 25. (w)Rot(e). 27. Erwin. 28. Singe. 30. Screw (driver). 32. Shoo. 33. A-I'd.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Get over being angry (5)
6 Steal eggs? (5)
9 One of the great past Europeans (7)
10 Wine to name (5)
11 Signifies wherewithal (5)
12 Farmers' whips? (5)
13 Groom's most talented assistant (4, 3)
15 Border of the mini-skirt (3)
17 Song from Callas? (4)
18 It's played to a finish (6)
19 A number of curious events (5)
20 Punter in reverse? (6)
22 Water plant (4)
24 Something hard to thaw (3)
25 Vi Steel's people? (7)
26 One in flight? (5)
27 Like "switched on" entertainment? (5)
28 Afraid of draughts? (5)
29 Raised by the sick? (3-4)
30 Writer never wrong (5)
31 Years of love for pop? (5)

DOWN
2 One in a disturbing assembly (6)
3 Where men used to box for the Territorial Army? (6)
4 Utter guess! (3)
5 Hard-back? (5)
6 Force one's relations to provide fruit (7)
7 Minerals of foreseen value (4)
8 Scrub 100 clean, maybe (6)
12 Prance about in a pickle (5)
13 Picture of deer (5)
14 Because the South may be nice? (5)
15 That of an equestrian monk? (5)
16 Food some Alsatians have (5)
18 Swinish complaint? (5)
19 Place a seat on the end of a trestle (7)
21 Act IV. note. is full of power (6)
22 Share dividends out (6)
23 Third of a bottle of port, very heavy! (6)
25 All arms and legs (5)
26 Climb up as far as the knee? (4)
28 Such wickets are conducive to ducks (3)

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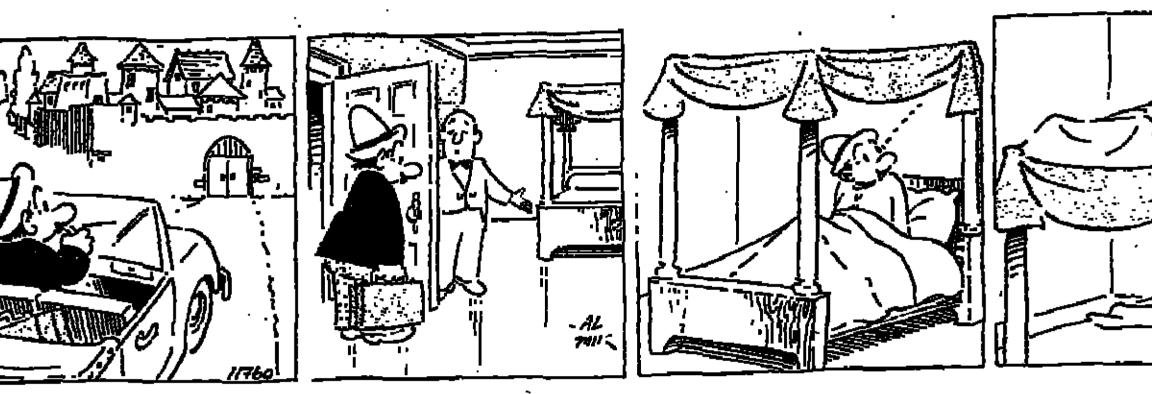

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JERUSALEM

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TEL AVIV

ALLENBY — You'll Like My Mother; BEN YEHUDA — Le Train; CINERAMA —Carnal Violence; ESTHER—Papillon; EDEN—The Sweet Dream; GAT — Avanti; CHEN — The Don Is Dead; DEKEL—40 Carts; DRIVE IN CINEMA—Snowball Express; Bloody Friday; The Grissom Gang; GORDON — L'Emmerdeur; HOD — Les Intrus; LIMOR — Don Juan 73; MAXIM — Sisters; MOGRABI — The Way We Were; OPHIR — Live And Let Die; ORDAN — La Nuit Americane; PARIS — Dr. Phibes; ORLY — The Lustful Vicar; PEER — A Touch Of Class; RAMAT AVIV — Charley Varrick; STUDIO — Bawdy Tales; TCHELET — Harold & Maude; TEL AVIV — Honour Thy Father; ZAFON — Il N'y A Pas De Fumee Sans Feu.

RAMAT GAN

ARMON — Pete N' Tillie; HADAR — The Day Of The Dolphin; LILI — Phantom In The Jungle; ORDEA — Take it easy Professor; OASIS — Lady Sings The Blues; RAMA — Magnum Force; RAMAT GAN — Blume In Love.

HERZLIYA

DAVID — Cabaret.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM — The Amorous Headmaster: The Monster.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE — Cat Ballou; ARMON — Live And Let Die; ATZMON — Papillon; BEIT ROTHSCHILD — And Quiet Flows The Don; The Bicycle Thieves/Ballad Of A Soldier; CHEN—The Forbidden Decameron; MIRON — The Night Of The Scorpion; MORIAH—A Virgin's Intimate Diary; ORDAN — Giant; ORAH — The Way We Were; ORION — The Awakening Punch; ORLY — Pete N' Tillie; PEER — Les Assassions De L'ordre; RON — A Touch Of Class; SHAVIT — Groundstar Conspiracy.

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Galei Zahal: News: Every hour on the hour. *Newsreels:* 8.05 a.m. 12.05 and 5.05 *p.m.* and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
252, 522 and 221 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.05 "Morning Concert" Daquin: "Le Coucou" (Malcolm): Tommasini-Scarlatti: "The Good-humoured Ladies": Haydn: Organ Concerto. 9.05 Braun: "Spring Tale"; Caudioso: Mandoline Concerto (Bianco): Mozart: Trio, K. 502 (Yuval). 9.55 English News. 10.05 Warlock: "Capriol" — Suite; Dvorak: 2 Slavonic Dances; Respighi: "Pines of Rome" (Muench).
11.05 Ivrit La'am.
11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Erella and Yoav Talmi Play Blavet: Flute Sonata; Veracini: Sonata.
1.05 *"Midday Concert."*
2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — "Bettering your knowledge." 3.30 Guidance for teachers. 3.50 Book Review. 4.05 "Felix Mendelssohn" — The Portrait of a Creator. A series of programmes produced by Ada Brodsky — "Mendelssohn and Schumann" — 11th programme.
4.55 English News. 5.05 Request for Band Music. 5.35 Musical Quiz.
5.55 French News. 6.05 *"People and Figures."* 6.30 "The World of An Adult." 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.30 Programme Trailer. 7.50 Bible Reading: Tehillim, chaps. 37 and 38.
8.05 "The Portrait of Debussy in Word and Music." 9.20 Cantorial Request Programme. 10.05 "Eshnab."
11.02 "My Concert." 12.05 A Moment of Poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 1.05-5.00 Songs and Tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 284, 355 and 340 M.

5.05 a.m. Hebrew songs. 5.55 Religious service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.30 Musical clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 "Good Morning." (cont.). 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.45 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.05 This is Ehud Manor. 3.55 Names and Events in the Jewish Scene. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.05 "Songs from behind the Iron Curtain." 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 "Songs from behind the Iron Curtain" (cont.). 5.05 "Traveller's Bag." 5.50 Light Music. 6.05 "Songs from Father's Home." 6.45 Today's sport. 9.05 "I'm a New Oleh." 10.05 *"Till Midnight"* — with Shevach Weiss. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.15 "Till Midnight" (cont.). 12.05 "A Night of Stars." 1.05-3.00 Songs and Tunes.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE

5.30 News. 5.32 My Friend Flicka. 6.00 Cartoons. 8.00 Nanny and the Professor. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 "Equal amongst Equals" — Documentary. 9.40 "The Iron Maiden" — film. 11.20 News.
Educational: 8.15 Maths 5. 8.40 Literature 7-8. 9.05 Maths 8. 10.00 English 9. 10.20 English 7. 10.40 *Story.* 11.05 *Biology* 9. 11.25 *English* 8. 12.00 Algebra 10. 12.20 Geometry 8. 1.00 Music. 1.30 Science 7. 1.40 A game on Words 7-8. 2.10 Technical Drawing 9. 4.00 For Kindergarteners. 4.30 English. 4.45 Guidance for Teachers.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 "The Lost Peace" — documentary. 7.00 Poetry. 7.05 "Visiting Card. 9.27 Programme review. 7.30 News.

FIFTH PROGRAMME

6.58 p.m. Opening. 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
757, 423, 256, 249, 335 and 340.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Romanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 9.55 a.m. (1st programme); 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 4.55 p.m. (1st programme); 8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme); 10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 10.55 a.m. (1st programme); 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 5.55 p.m. (1st programme); 8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme); 12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).

1st Programme — 256, 522 and 221 M.
4th Programme — 407 455, and 292 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, 31, and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

5.58 a.m. Morning Prayer. 6.05 Morning tunes. 7.? Programme trailer. 8.05 Zahal's newsreel. 8.30 Morning tunes (cont.). 9.05 Requests. 9.55 "Pocket Torah." 10.05 Requests. 10.55 With Uri Sela. 11.05 Warm and Tasty — Regards. 11.55 "My Scoop." 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.50 p.m. Warm and Tasty. 1.30 "Who Wins and Who Loses." 1.55 Announcements. 2.? "Two till Four" — with Mani Peer. 4.05 Hit Parade. 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for everybody — greetings. 6.05 *"Discussion."* 7.05 "Noah's Ark." 8.05 Concert. 9.05 "By Request." 10.05 Tonight with Yaakov Agmon. 11.45 Midnight Talk. 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 12.30 Night Birds with Pnina Bat Zvi. 1.? Tunes in the night.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Bank Leumi rose by two in the variables to 261, with a turnover of 200,000. Mizrahi, which went Ex should have stood at 178, but it opened at 179, which means a rise of one point, and in the variables it rose another point to 180, with a turnover of 77,000. Cold Storage lost five to 225 with a turnover of 80,000; and ILDC bearer lost two to 196 with a turnover of 51,000.

Index-linked bonds fell slightly. The turnover was IL11,193,300.

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Klita 1965, Index 110.1	s	315	315
Bitahon 1968, Series 41	b	141.9	141
Bitahon 1969, Series 41	b	264	264.4
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otsar Hityashvut	r	287	287
I.D.B. pref.	r	272	273
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	324	324
Union Bank	r	303	303
Israel British Bank	b	335	334
Discount Bank "A"	r	515	517
United Mizrahi Bank	b	180	198
Bank Hapoalim — 10%	b	398	398
Bank Leumi "A"	r	261	259
MORTGAGE BANKS			
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	256	256
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	192.5	200.5
Bank Binyan	b	260	260
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b	273	273
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	186	186
Tefahot 8%	b	278.5	278.5
Tefahot	1.	275.5	277
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	69.5	70
Hassneh Insurance	b	265	266
Sahar — "C"	b	348	348
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	87	87.5
Delek C	r	185	184
Cold Storage—IL1/-	r	225	230
Israel Electric Corp.	r	63.5	64
Lighterage & Supply	r	194	194
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Azorim	r	308	308
Africa Israel 10	r	350	351
Isr. Land Dev.	b	196	197
Solel Boneh 10%	b	144	144
Property & Build.	r	254.5	251
Isras	b	182	182
Mehadrin	r	208	208
I.C.P. for Citrus	b	98.5	96
Anglo-Isr. Investors	b	178.5	176
Neot Aviv	r	100	102.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	194	194
Rassco—8%	r	100	100
Rassco—O.	r	78	77
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	490	489
Elco—2.5	b	109.5	109
Electra—5	r	243	247
"Argaman"—8%	b	350	350
"Ata"—C	r	135.5	135
Dubek	b	460	460
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	220	222
Teva	b	1185	1185
Chem. & Phosphates	r	107	108.5
Lewin Epstein	b	69.5	69.5
Moller Textile	r	240	238
Phoenicia—8%	b	112	112
Paper Mills	r	318	317
Assis "B"	r	240.5	247
Nechushtan	b	459	460
Shemen—8%	b	137.5	153.5
"Taal" Plywood	b	263	262
Elite (A)		325.5	327
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	95	95
Ellern	b	206	207.5
Israel Central Trade	r	198	199.5
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Wolfson IL10	b	113	118.5
Ampa	r	131	135
Discount Bank	b	249.5	248.5
United Mizrahi	b	128.5	121
Bank Leumi	r	280	280
Piryon Investment	r	115.5	113
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Stock rally fails to hold

NEW YORK (AP). — The Stock Market was mixed and listless yesterday after a half-hearted rally attempt failed to stand up.

Near the close, Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was up to 847.31, but declining issues outpaced advances by about 4 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts said the market was still bogged down in worries about high interest rates, inflation and the impeachment issue.

Selling turned up in a number of electric utilities, prompted by a bearish review of many companies in the industry by Standard and Poor's Corp.

Universal Oil products picked up ¼ to 14⅝ in trading that included a 100,000-share block at 14¼.

Airco Inc	13½	Colum Pict	2⅝	Int Paper	48⅛	Revere Cop	9⅛
Alcan Alu	—	Con Edis	7⅝	Int T & T	19⅞	Reyn Ind	41⅛
Allied Ch	45⅛	Cont Can	24⅝	John Man	17⅝	Reyn Met	22⅝
Allied Str	23⅛	Cont Oil	—	John Joh	112⅝	Rockwell Int	25⅝
Allis Chal	8⅞	Cont Tel	13¾	Jon Lau	19⅛	Royl D	—
Alcoa	50¼	Cont Data	30	Kais Alum	21⅛	Russ Tog	9
Am Airlin	10	Corning	83⅞	Kenn Cop	35⅞	Safeway	42
Am Bdcst	24⅝	CPC Intl	—	Koppers	49⅞	Schering	69⅝
Amer Can	37⅛	Crane Co	32⅝	Libb O Fd	25⅛	Scott Pap	15⅞
A Cyan	23⅛	Crown Cork	19⅜	Liggt My	—	Sears Roe	83⅝
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YOUNG COUPLES AND OLDER ONES SUFFER

Shortcomings in housing aren't likely to go away

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

THE provision of adequate housing ranks high among our economic priorities. The most telling slogan in demonstrations of discontent is not "work" or "bread," but "flats for young couples." Accordingly, public spending on housing occupies pride of place after defence.

In spite of pressing emergency needs, the authorities envisage a substantial expansion of residential construction in the coming years as a precondition to improving our welfare standards. Even now we are allocating to housing 40 per cent of our gross investment, double the annual combined investment in industry, agricultural, and power plants. Nevertheless, it is doubtful whether we are making headway. It is true that most new flats are bigger and better than those of, say, a dozen years ago, and dwelling density per room has been declining steadily. But grievances are loudly voiced and official announcements about the impending solution of the housing problem are not to be trusted. If our current policies are maintained, the situation is likely to turn out not better, but worse.

This paradoxical development is due to several factors. First, there is the low efficiency of the building industry, which Mr. Sapir recently labelled us "scandalous." Five years ago the average construction period was about twelve months. Today it is almost twice that. As a result, not only are financing and administrative overheads per unit upped, but more important, labour and equipment are applied in a piecemeal, and thus wasteful, manner. Though, in recent years, the mechanisation of construction work, and the use of prefabricated elements have advanced, this has been largely offset by the short and irregular supply of labour, which handicaps proper planning.

The Ministry of Housing has often been blamed for these deficiencies, and probably rightly so. For it has always been more interested in promoting public housing programmes than in improving the industry's overall use of resources. However, it would be wrong to attach too much importance to the Ministry's intervention, or to pin too high hopes on the reorganisation promised by the new Minister. It is obvious that the main reason for the sorry state of the building industry is that it operates in a protected home market, in which demand almost perpetually exceeds supply, and it can, therefore, afford to disregard cost and efficiency considerations.

It is a moot point whether the participation of big foreign contracting firms, applying modern construction methods, would have changed the situation. The fact is that no such firms are operating here. Our building industry remains highly fractionalized. Its efficiency and costs coefficients are those set by the small, marginal contractors. And since labour and materials remain in short supply, the high targets set by official planners are unlikely to be met.

Moreover, the demand for housing is flexible, and the concepts of proper and adequate accommodation are changing rapidly. A substantial number of our housing projects is intended for rehousing occupants of slums built only about twenty years ago, and for improving living conditions considered more or less satisfactory until recently. In fact, the rapid advance in the housing standards of well-to-do families must perforce bring in its wake a demand for improvement in the standards of the others.

A massive residential construction effort, conceivably coupled with improved urban development schemes, will inevitably, therefore, lead to a general demand for better housing, thus increasing the gap between demand and supply.

This gap is likely to be further increased by the extreme rigidity of our housing pattern: while the flats constructed may vary in size, quality, and facilities attached, the bulk of them are intended for standard families, and cannot be either expanded or divided. A married couple is provided with a three-room flat, and a suggestion that the size of flats supplied to newly-weds be reduced has been rejected as impractical, because it would require extensive re-designing of projects already launched or planned, and, in particular, because it would be opposed by the would-be tenants even if offered at more convenient terms. Since these ought to be the smallest and cheapest housing units provided, the general level must be upped accordingly.

POPULAR HEDGE

Lastly, a remedy to our housing malaise is prevented by inflation, because a flat remains the most popular hedge against the decline of monetary values. Since land values and construction costs tend to rise more rapidly than the average price level, people do not hesitate to pay heavily for housing in order to participate in the national past-time of speculating in real estate. Moreover, they are encouraged to do that by the fiscal system which leaves imputed income from ownership-tenancy tax-free while heavily taxing other income.

There was a time when tenant-ownership was encouraged and subsidized in order to provide a potent incentive for saving, in particular for wage-earners and middle class people who cannot easily find productive uses for their capital. Investment in residential construction was then considered economically preferable to spending for current consumption. Today the situation is different. Private savings provide only a fraction of the housing investment, while most of it is financed directly or indirectly from public funds. Instead of containing private consumption, residential construction tends rather to contribute to its expansion. Moreover, the subsidy involved inevitably causes warped and wasteful use of economic resources. There is no doubt that we are building more and better dwellings than we can really afford, but the population by and large are enabled to afford them, because they are provided with either subsidies or inflationary gains or both.

This speculative atmosphere tends to feed the general inflation, and thus increase the attractiveness of investing in residential property.

Rental housing provides no remedy in these circumstances. Indeed, it too would have to be subsidized in order to make it competitive with subsidized tenant-ownership.

Thus the housing shortage, with all its adverse effects, and the social tensions involved, will therefore remain wtih us as long as the economy's basic imbalance continues. And for the time being, the chances of repairing the situation seem slim.

(This is the second of two articles on housing in Israel.)

Lufthansa reports business increase compared to '73

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Lufthansa's information chief, Claus Dehio, told reporters in Tel Aviv yesterday that the airline carried some two million passengers in the first four months of the current year — an increase of 4.4 per cent over the corresponding period in 1973.

Generally, however, people appear to be more uncertain about advance bookings, and whereas in the past it was not unusual for people to reserve holiday passage months ahead, relatively few reservations are now made more than two weeks before anticipated departure dates.

He added that Lufthansa's traditional emphasis on air freight was yielding better returns, with the cargo load for the first third of the year running 12.6 per cent above average.

Questioned concerning Lufthansa's position on possible pilgrim flights directly to Jerusalem, Mr. Dehio said that the airline's position was very similar to that of El Al, which is now completing a study of the technical and economic factors involved. As to any political implications involved, he pointed out in reply to another question, this was the province of the West German Government.

At the same time, he thought it would make little difference to German pilgrims whether they landed in Jerusalem or got there from Tel Aviv. There was no significant difference in flying time, and in any case it was unlikely that the pilgrims would limit their stay in Israel to Jerusalem alone.

Arnold Sherman, head of El Al public relations, who attended the press conference, praised the close cooperation between the German and Israeli national carriers. He emphasized that air travel between the two countries had registered the greatest annual increase since the Six Day War — an average of 27.6 per cent.

Ship waiting, costs soar

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Government paid some $3m. in the financial year 1973/74 as waiting charges for freighters hauling food cargoes to this country — 10 times the charges paid in the previous fiscal year.

Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev said this during the Knesset question period on Monday, replying to the Likud's Gideon Patt. Nearly $1m. of the charges were paid to non-Israeli freighters.

MUSIC

Old English treasure

THE display of an 18th century English dining room at the Israel Museum provided an excuse for Shlomo Tidhar, indefatigable promoter of Baroque music, to dip once again into the treasures of old English music. Employing all kinds of recorders, a madrigal group, a singer and a harpsichord, he presented "English Music of the 16th & 17th centuries" (Israel Museum-May 13).

This charming, unostentatious music requires dedicated and unobtrusive cooperation. Shlomo Tidhar is able to instil just this attitude into his colleagues in the "Laron" Recorder Quintet, and every piece performed provided unalloyed pleasure to the ear. Cilla Grossmeyer's clear soprano served her few songs extremely well, and Eldad Neumark, as accompanist and as soloist in some selections by John Bull and Henry Purcell, contributed his well-grounded musical experience to the success of the concert.

Uzit Zdroyevich directed "The Madrigal Singers," a group of five female and three male singers, with zeal and zest. The examples, chosen by Thomas Weelkis, Thomas Greave, John Wilbye and Robert Jones, were all pleasant. It must be difficult to keep such an ensemble together for any length of time, so that Miss Zdroyevich's work deserves highest commendation. John Dowland, John Jenkins, William Byrd and Henry Purcell were the chosen composers for the recorder group, where each player switched with ease and proficiency from one register to another, exchanging instruments continually in answer to the demands of the arrangements.

Robert Jones' "Farewell dear love" performed by the whole company made a suitable climax and had to be partly repeated as an encore. Most of the lyrics deal with love; and it is a labour of love which makes Shlomo Tidhar and his friends concentrate on this period of music writing, so far removed from the problems of our own time. A very relaxing and highly enjoyable programme. *YOHANAN BOEHM*

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TRUTH AND NEWS

THE current round of Dr. Kissinger's negotiations has coincided with a new appreciation on the part of the Government of the importance of an authoritative and accurate source of information for the news media. The establishment of an Information Ministry was a step forward, and the ministry, which is still in an embryonic state, has gone into action this past fortnight briefing local and foreign journalists on the Government's basic policies and negotiating positions.

At the same time the talks have also pointed up grave deficiencies which continue to exist in the area of information.

Both the Israeli negotiators and Dr. Kissinger himself have complained about various "maps" featured on Israel television and in some newspapers, which purported to show the concessions that Israel had offered, but which in fact were more generous than Mrs. Meir and her ministers were prepared to be. Officials in Jerusalem termed this situation "a tragedy" from Israel's point of view — which may be an exaggeration on the side of pessimism. One can readily see how "leaks" of this kind would tend to damage Israel's bargaining credibility with Damascus.

Moreover, reports in our press this past fortnight have often been contradictory or inconsistent, leaving readers not only uninformed, which may be inevitable, but also confused as to what in fact was happening in these fateful negotiations.

The solution cannot be, of course, for the Government to release to the press or the media full and precise details of negotiations. Kissingerian diplomacy needs a large measure of secrecy, of haze and ambivalence.

But while the publication of details would be prejudicial, the public has a right to know, in general outline, the trend of the talks and the positions which its side and the opposing side are adopting. When "reliable sources" or "highly placed officials" are cited by newsmen, the reader or viewer has the right to expect that the source is indeed highly-placed and reliable, that he is *au fait* with the progress of the talks, and that he is not merely vying with other misinformed or half-informed sources as to how sensational a "leak" he can divulge. Furthermore, the reader has the right to assume that the journalist has not had recourse to *simple speculation thinly disguised* as a news story, because he lacks authoritative information from official sources.

The example of the State Department press corps is instructive. All the major U.S. newspapers, news agencies and media are represented on the Secretary's aeroplane and are privy to the daily briefings of the "senior American official." They are not given much detailed information while the talks are so delicately poised — nor do they expect it. But what they do receive, and transmit to their readers and viewers, is an authoritative, accurate and balanced outline of the situation as the Secretary and his aides see it. Information Minister Shimon Peres has made a *start on such briefings, but he* is obviously not authorized to go very far.

The Israel Ministry of Information, which has made a promising start, would do well to study the American method — which itself is too centralized and rigid to be altogether ideal — for application in the day-to-day relationship between the *Government* and the reading and viewing public.

ISRAEL PRESS

Odds for accord unchanged

Davar (Histadrut) says that what Dr. Kissinger has brought from Damascus this time shows that Syria is stubborn when it comes to geography, that the gap between the Syrian and Israeli positions remains wide, and that the odds on an agreement being initialled at the end of the Secretary of State's present round of visits have not improved from the 52 per cent he gave them a few days ago.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) scores the right-wing Likud for staging demonstrations against the Government's policy of seeking a disengagement, and also for attempting in all possible ways to induce the Prime Minister-designate to form a broad coalition. The paper advises the cabinet not to give in to mass hysteria and the coalition parties to take to the streets and put their *case to public opinion.*

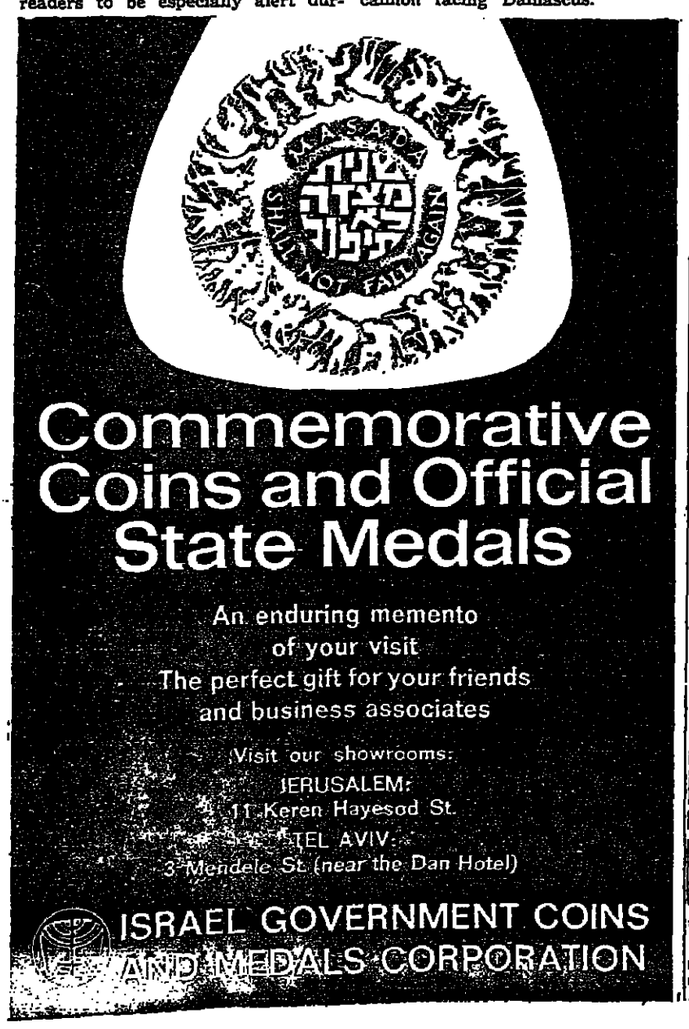
Hatzofe (National Religious) lists the alternatives open to the Alignment, since it rejects a broad coalition and any amendment of the Law of Return. These are: letting the present caretaker cabinet stay on until elections, forming a new cabinet with the Independent Liberals and the Civil Rights Movement, or forming a minority cabinet. *Bringing the CRM in would give* the Government a bare majority, but cost it its balanced image, and introduce an element bent on anti-religious militancy. A minority government could not last, and the only purpose of forming it would be to go to the polls with a new team. The paper regrets that the Alignment prefers these possibilities to a broad national coalition, or to a coalition with a large, reliable partner.

Ha'aretz (non-party) calls on the Knesset Committee on State Control *to instruct the State Comptroller* to investigate the issue of Mr. Rabin's lecture fees and stresses the importance of a speedy investigation.

Ma'ariv (non-party) warns its readers to be especially alert during the coming days, since May 15, the day on which the State of Israel was declared 26 years ago, is likely to be chosen by Arab terrorists for the perpetration of their murderous deeds. The paper therefore calls upon the public to keep eyes and ears open, thereby assisting the security forces who keep a ceaseless watch in order to protect the population.

In a second editorial, noting that *U.S. foreign policy has always been* known for its basic humanitarianism, the paper voices approval of the change announced by the U.S. State Department in its stand on the Syrian Jewry issue, following the letter in which a State Department employee claimed that this was "an internal Syrian matter." "Syrian President Assad's implied promises to the effect that the lot of the *Syrian Jews would improve in any* case provided a separation of forces agreement is reached are not enough. Whether such an agreement is reached or not, man has a natural right to leave a place where he is persecuted, for a land where he can dwell in safety, and it is this safety which must serve as the goal for intervention on behalf of the Jews of Syria," the paper declares.

Omer (Histadrut) feels Dr. Kissinger should explain to the Syrians that a disengagement should not be based on the Security Council resolution of 1967, but on the military situation established at the end of October, 1973. A disengagement is no peace treaty and does not concern itself with legitimate borders, but seeks to establish a situation in which the parties will not start shooting every moment and must reflect relations of forces. Israel is prepared to make concessions compared with the October situation, but if the Syrians continue to demand even more concessions, they will find themselves *without an agreement, with Israel's* cannon facing Damascus.



VIEWPOINT

NEGOTIATIONS REQUIRE STRENGTH

Internal and external pressures shouldn't intimidate the Cabinet

By SHALOM COHEN

THE wave of demonstrations over disengagement with Syria may well strengthen the hand of the Government in the Kissinger talks. *But on one condition — that the* Government itself is strong, that it pursues a coherent policy, that it is not simply intimidated against its own better judgment.

If it becomes preoccupied with trying to please everyone with reassurances and promises, in cultivating its own image, then these demonstrations and pressures can in the long run become counter-productive.

We would then be returning to the hothouse status quo frame of mind which coloured the post-1967 *period. It happened then largely* because of differences and internal rivalries in the major Party, when the rule was to "decide not *to decide." We are not discussing* here what terms for disengagement the Government should accept, or if it should accept disengagement altogether. Past experience has shown that it is not enough for the Government to stand up to intimidation from the outside. It must also avoid becoming vulnerable to intimidation from within. This will become an even greater challenge for the next Government, if and when one is formed.

We do not deny partisanship when we differentiate between demonstrations. The taking to the streets by super-nationalist elements in the Likud Opposition is a familiar phenomenon. For these elements — as distinct from the Labour and liberal (uncapitalized) movement — gut-appeal demonstration is the height of political creativity, a way of life. They are, of course, fully *entitled to oppose* Government policy, though their leaders declare approval of disengagement "in principle."

Easily distinguishable are demonstrations by the various improvised protest groups which sprang up after the October war. These protests were of a general nature, calling for change, and crossed party lines. Basically, they did not represent any vested interests.

The demonstrations and pressures of Golan front-line settlers are again different. Despite their smaller numbers, they probably carry more weight with the Government. They differ, because they represent pressures exerted over *specific details of* the disengagement terms under negotiation. What is more — they have a hinterland of support, or at least sympathy, from *Galilee* and *Jordan Valley* settlements — whose pressure in 1967 went into the decision then to take the Golan and end the years of Syrian bombardment. The Golan settlers are on the spot, literally live on the terrain, and presumably know what they are talking about.

But can and should this decide Government policy? Government leaders have been quick to reassure the demonstrators that not a single Golan settlement will be abandoned. One must presume that this had already been decided upon by the Government, before the settlers' action. But, purely for argument's sake, one may recall that over the years border settlements have been established for political-strategic reasons, and later resited nearby. And one may imagine, again for argument's sake only, a deal which might involve the moving of, say, one settlement but which as a whole, would be advantageous to Israel.

The real and important question is whether the Government is committing itself with promises because of pressures, or whether it decides issues on their long-term overall merits. The Government at the least is obliged to show that it is doing the latter, and so inspire confidence that not only can it withstand external pressures, but that it also has a coherent calculated policy, that it does not return to patchwork hand-to-mouth rule, of reacting to events instead of managing them, of constantly looking over its *shoulder.*

If this is a testing time for the present, experienced Government, how much more so will it be for *a new Government. Popular support,* pressures and demonstrations can help a *strong* Government — "not only the Arabs have domestic considerations." Timid, vacillating and "accommodating" government can in the long run result in the whittling away of gains, which is the very opposite of what the pressure groups and demonstrators want.

Dr. Kissinger's message to Israeli politicians is that "the October 1973 war changed the Middle East equation permanently and irreversibly," writes London "Observer" correspondent Jim Anderson.

Seeking an agreement worth having

Ensuring the survival of Israel and extending American influence in the Middle East are two of the major goals which Dr. Henry Kissinger has set himself, says correspondent JIM ANDERSON in a dispatch from Jerusalem to the London "Observer."

DR. Henry Kissinger's efforts to end the fighting between Syria and Israel hang in the balance.

If he fails, he will record the concessions made by both sides in a secret document, return to Washington, and let the two sides stew in *their own juice for about two weeks* before making another try.

In any case, according to United States officials, there will be no *partial agreement. Kissinger's* tactic has always been to keep all the elements in a single package, including the exchange of wounded prisoners, because these minor elements are an incentive for both sides to make some concessions on the larger, more difficult, issues.

What Kissinger is doing has to be understood at several levels.

The disengagement is only the *first and simplest. The manner of* the negotiating is as important as the result, because he feels it vital that the bargaining, whatever the outcome, should leave the Middle East changed for the better. If an imposed, or incomplete, agreement should cause "instability" and "paranoia" — two of Kissinger's favourite words — then the agreement is not worth having.

The next level is Kissinger's desire to strengthen and widen American influence in the Middle East, especially among the Arab countries and more especially among the oil-producing Arab countries. Thus Kissinger has spent more time with President Sadat of Egypt and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia than he has with the Syrians.

Extending American influence is *probably his most spectacular suc*cess. But as American influence increases, Soviet leverage decreases — which is good up to a point. Beyond that point, Soviet anxiety is aroused, and that threatens Dr. Kissinger's next goal: to bring order to the Middle East without upsetting the stability between the two nuclear Super-Powers.

Above everything stands Kissinger's main goal, which is to avoid a nuclear war with the Soviet Union. That goal transcends any Middle East border adjustment. Kissinger would not want any Middle East agreement that would antagonise the Kremlin and make a future strategic arms limitation arrangement more difficult.

Survival of Israel

Another strategic objective that Kissinger considers more important than the immediate negotiations is to ensure the survival of Israel. His message, which is not popular with Israeli politicians, is that the October 1973 war changed the Middle East equation permanently and irreversibly.

Military technology, such as cheap, simply guided missiles, have neutralised the Israeli Air Force, and without a settlement it would only *be a matter of time until another* series of wars began, and the inevitable result would be the destruction of Israel.

These strategic considerations are entwined, as everything is these days, with the political situation in *the U.S. Kissinger would genuinely* like a spectacular foreign policy success in this grim period, although officials insist that the negotiations are not influenced by the Watergate drama.

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READERS' LETTERS

Youth trip to Germany

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your report of April 30, "Lahat settles row over ties with Bonn," about the dispatch of Tel Aviv youth groups to foreign countries, including Germany, ignores the stand and policy adopted by the Independent Liberal representatives in a discussion of principle — whether to send youth groups to Germany or not.

May I point out that the discussion arose when I brought to the attention of the Municipal Executive a planned trip to Europe, under the auspices of the Municipality, of a delegation of youth counsellors who would also be the guests of the city of Brunswick.

In reply to a proposal by the spokesman of Herut, Mr. Arieh Kremmer, I pointed out that Tel Aviv could not conduct an independent foreign policy. I stressed the importance of understanding between youth of all countries and pointed out the likely political results of a decision by Tel Aviv to exclude Germany from youth tours conducted in the framework of international exchange programmes.

This stand provoked a violent subjective and procedural discussion. The Liberals' spokesman, Deputy *Mayor David Shifman, adopted a* reasonable stand in support of the Mayor's position and my own. Mr. Lahat's decision to use his double vote to break the tie is another indication of his policy of judging matters on their merit rather than supporting party solidarity.

YITZHAK ARTZI, Deputy Mayor.
Tel Aviv, May 1.

Tel Aviv clubs for immigrants

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am surprised that the Moadon Ha'oleh in Tel Aviv is still closed after more than eight months for redecorating purposes. Surely it is time this moadon be reopened, as many new immigrants used its premises regularly and this was also the place where evening courses were given in Bible, Jewish history and other subjects connected with Israel.

J. LEIRBAG
Bnei Brak, April 9.

The Ministry of Absorption replies:

Your correspondent apparently refers to the Moadon Ha'oleh situated at 109 Hayarkon Street. This club is closed at present for technical and other reasons. But there are a number of other clubs in Tel Aviv with activities similar to those described by your correspondent and where he will be most welcome.

Here is the list for Tel Aviv: Dizengoff Street 158; David Hamelech Street 1; Beit Shneourson at Nahmani Street 39; Eilat Street 8; Rothschild Boulevard, 120; Keren Kayemet Street 44; Bnei Efraim Street 228; and Beit Zionei America at Daniel Frish Street 1. Moreover, there is a moadon in Jaffa, at Beit Glinanski, run in cooperation with Bnei Brith, and one in Neve Sharett at Philadelphia Street 3.

HANOCH TZIMMERING,
Assistant Spokesman
Jerusalem, May 2.

TV English

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your reader Shifra Tarem complains of the quality of the English translation of the film, "The house on Chelouche Street" broadcast on TV on April 24 (your issue of May 5). "The house on Chelouche Street" is a commercial film and we bought it with the translation already made. Therefore, the responsibility for the translation rests with the producer and distributor of the film.

With regard to the quality of English of our TV interviewers, as a *rule we do not allow reporters to* conduct interviews in a language of which they do not have full command. Moreover, if the phonetic quality of a foreign language leaves too much to be desired, words are (again, as a rule) edited out of the sound track. However, lack of time or technical reasons sometimes prevent us from doing a thorough editing job.

ARI AVNERRE,
Counsellor to the Director General,
Israel Broadcasting Authority.
Jerusalem, May 5.

Vain effort to save life

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of May 6, you write about the drowning of the tourist Ronald Fisher. The facts were quite different.

When Ronald Fisher began to call for help, his wife said he had a heart attack. I, the only bysander on that beach with my daughter, went straight out to him and struggled with him in a very rough sea. When my strength left me, I called out to my daughter and at great danger to herself and effort, she brought us both back to shore. Ronald Fisher suddenly said out in the water: "I am dying." But we did not let go of him. I only wished my efforts to save a life had not been in vain, but it was his heart which defeated us.

ANONYMOUS
(Name and address supplied)
Ashkelon, May 6.

Relief from TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I learned with delight that the TV authorities have at last stopped desecrating our Sabbath mornings, because sometimes—since the Yom Kippur War my younger son had watched TV instead of being in synagogue. So it was with pleasure that I saw him at the Sabbath Service yesterday.

Our children were being lured away from the synagogue on Sabbath mornings where they could have benefitted from the ethics inherent in the Torah. Parents who do not know what to do to keep their children *occupied on a Sabbath morning* should take them to synagogue services to become acquainted with our own culture and not demand more *of the decadent morality of today's* show business and TV.

Many thanks indeed to whoever gave the order to stop TV on Sabbath mornings.

A. COHEN
Tel Aviv, May 5.

Tax anomalies

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I would like to draw your attention to some anomalies in the local tax laws. The law provides a capital gains tax of 40 per cent of the increase in value of the shares in a private company, the value of the shares of course being calculated on the basis of the company's profits. The law does not take into consideration at all that, in most cases, the increase in profits and with it the value of the shares is due in large part to inflationary influences. The same applies if someone buys a flat and has to sell it for reasons of his own, e.g. family *reasons, after a period of two or* three years. To buy a new flat of the same value in another town would probably leave the buyer short of money because in fact there was no profit from the sale in the first place, the increase in value again being due to inflationary influences.

H. SIMON
Haifa, May 2.

Beauty of trees goes unnoticed

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have noticed people waiting for a bus yet without even seeing the beautiful tree opposite — even one covered in blossom. Can we really complain about the beauty of our trees here? Their variety is great and so different from those in other countries from which many of us came. I had never before seen growing palm and cypress trees and certainly not *the sabra cactus* — and how beautiful we found them. How many notice the beauty of the trees when they are *bare,* showing the individual nature of each branch — even more attractive to the eye when bent and wayward — so different from human beings! I love all trees for their wonderful qualities.

FREDA SONNABEND
Kfar Shmaryahu, April 15.

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